

PRESIDENT WILSON APPEALS TO THE BELLIGERENT NATIONS OF EUROPE TO DISCUSS TERMS OF PEACE

SUGGESTS AN EXPRESSION OF VIEWS AT EARLY DATE

Would Have Warring Nations State What Arrangements Would be Deemed Satisfactory as a Guaranty Against Renewal of the War or Kindling of Any Similar Conflict in the Future—Notes Made Public After Last Midnight.

ACTION NOT PROMPTED BY CENTRAL POWERS' PROPOSAL; NO PEACE PROPOSED, NOR EVEN OFFER OF MEDIATION

Washington Officials, Who Were Taken by Distinct Surprise, Believe Prospects for Negotiations Have Been Improved—Mr. Wilson's Move May be History-Making Event—Copies of Notes Sent to Neutrals for Information.

Washington, Dec. 21. — President Wilson has appealed to all the belligerents to discuss terms of peace.

Without actually proposing peace or offering mediation, the President has sent formal notes to the governments of all the warring nations, suggesting that "an early occasion be sought to call out from the nations now at war such an avowal of their respective views, as to the terms upon which the war might be concluded and the arrangements which would be deemed satisfactory as a guaranty against its renewal or the kindling of any similar conflict in the future, as would make it possible frankly to compare them."

President Summarizes Attitude.
Wholly without notice and entirely contrary to what administration officials have described as his course, the President last night dispatched notes to all the belligerents, and to all the neutrals, for their information. Summarized in the President's own words as contained in his notes, his attitude is as follows:

"The President is not proposing peace; he is not even offering mediation. He is merely proposing that soundings be taken in order that we may learn, the neutral nations with the belligerent, how near the haven of peace may be, for which all mankind longs with an intense and increasing longing. He believes that the spirit in which he speaks and the objects which he seeks will be understood by all concerned and he confidently hopes for a response which will bring a new light into the affairs of the world."

This latest development in the rapidly moving world events toward a discussion of peace was not permitted to become known until midnight when the notes were sent on their way to the American ambassadors in the belligerent capitals and probably already in the hands of some of them.

Distinct Surprise for Officials.
It was a most distinct surprise for all official Washington which had been led to believe that with the formal trans-

mission of the proposals of the Central Powers, the offices of the United States would await further moves between the belligerents themselves and that certainly, in view of the speech of Premier Lloyd-George and the announcements in Russia, France and Italy, further action by neutrals would depend upon the next careful and delicate move in the great diplomatic spectacle between the belligerents themselves.

The whole series of official opinion throughout Washington when the President's action became known was that it immeasurably improved the prospects for some sort of exchanges looking toward an approach to peace discussions between the belligerents without impairing the position of the United States, should they finally be unable to find a ground on which to approach one another.

At the White House no statement whatever could be obtained as to whether any of the powers had intimated how they would receive the note, and there was every indication that the same careful secrecy which prevented even anything whatever becoming known about the President's action until it had been taken would surround any of the succeeding moves.

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Full Text of President's Notes Sent Last Night to European Belligerents

Washington, Dec. 21.—President Wilson's notes to the European belligerents are prefaced with this instruction by Secretary Lansing to the American ambassadors presenting them:

"The President directs me to send you the following communication to be presented immediately to the minister of foreign affairs of the government to which you are accredited."

The text of the notes themselves then begin identically as follows:

Begin Identically.
"The President of the United States has instructed me to suggest to you (here is inserted a designation of the government addressed) a course of action with regard to the present war which he hopes that the government will take under consideration as suggested in the most friendly spirit and as coming not from a friend but also as coming from the representative of a neutral nation whose interests have been most seriously affected by the war and whose concern for its early conclusion arises out of a manifest necessity to determine how best to safeguard those interests if the war is to continue."

At this point the texts vary. In the notes to the Central Powers this paragraph follows next:

To the Central Powers.
"The suggestion which I am instructed to make, the President has long had in mind to offer. He is somewhat embarrassed to offer it at this particular time because it may now seem to have been prompted by a desire to play a part in connection with the recent overtures of the Central Powers. It has in fact been in no way suggested by them in its origin and the President would have delayed offering it until those overtures had been independently answered but for the fact that it also concerns the ques-

tion of peace and may best be considered in connection with other proposals which have the same end in view. The President can only beg that his suggestion be considered entirely on its own merits and as if it had been made in other circumstances."

In the note to the Entente Allies, the following paragraph takes the place of the one just quoted:

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Then all the notes proceed identically as follows:

Asks Interchange of Views.

"The President suggests that an early occasion be sought to call out from all the nations now at war such an avowal of their respective views as to the terms upon which the war might be concluded and the arrangements which would be deemed satisfactory as a guaranty against its renewal or the kindling of any similar conflict in the future as would make it impossible frankly to compare them. He is indifferent as to the means taken to accomplish this. He would be happy himself to serve, or even to take the initiative, in its accomplishment, in any way that might prove acceptable but he has no desire to determine the method or the date."

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SHARP DISCUSSION OVER FEDERALIZED MILITIA FORECAST

Future of National Guard in Federal Military System May be Debated in Congress.

GEN. SCOTT AGAIN HEARD

His Criticisms of the System Make Him Liable to Vigorous Cross Examination.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Sharp controversy in Congress over the future of the National Guard in the Federal military system was foreshadowed today at hearings before committees of both the House and Senate.

Major General Scott, chief of staff, entered vigorous cross examination by several members of the House Military committee when he touched upon results of the mobilization of the state troops for border duty as shown in the general staff report. Conclusion drawn from the figures to support the contention that the guard system is inefficient and unreliable were promptly questioned and it was indicated that the head of the army would face searching questioning tomorrow when he continues his statement.

Scott and Wood Replied.
The Senate subcommittee in charge of the Chamberlain universal training bill decided to recall General Scott, who already has presented the report on mobilization in full to that committee, and Major General Leonard Wood, commanding the Eastern department, who described the mobilization as a "tragedy" in his direct hearing before the committee. Both officers have been asked to appear for cross examination by Senator Blair Lee, a champion of the National Guard.

In preparation for the cross examination, it is understood that staff officers familiar with mobilization will be present and prepared to submit the original reports from the inspectors, including names of the organizations examined which the summary did not give.

The House committee did not go into the question of universal military service, recommended by the general staff, as General Scott had not reached that portion of his statement at the close of the day's session.

Others Give Views.
Before the Chamberlain committee, however, Howard H. Gross, of Chicago, president, and Edward Harding, of New York City, representing the Universal Military Training League, outlined their views. They will be followed tomorrow by members of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and later by certain officers and men of the National Guard, all of whom are expected to support the recommendations of the general staff for a compulsory service system.

Senator Underwood, of Alabama, intimated the universal service discussion into the debate in the Senate during the day, asserting that he did not favor compulsory military service in time of peace.

When General Scott before the House committee, quoted from the mobilization report to show that out of an enrolled strength of 55,000 men in certain units of the guard called for border duty only 47,000 actually were available for the Federal service, he was asked whether it was fair to judge the National Guard system on a mobilization of what was in reality the old organized militia. The general admitted the act did not go into effect until the call was made, but repeated his opinion that completion of the new organization would produce little better results.

Representative Tilson, of Connecticut, who commanded a guard regiment on the border, asked if the order that men with dependent families be discharged was "not enough to disorganize any military organization."

"That order was issued by the Secretary of War and I cannot discuss its merits," General Scott said. He explained later that the Secretary issued no orders of such a character without discussion with the chief of staff.

Discuss Militia Recalling.
When the general recalled figures on National Guard recruiting showing that only 15,000 men were collected in four months active work throughout the country, and that at a cost of more than \$60 a man "just to enroll him, not to equip him," Representative Green interrupted.

"Was not this after the young volunteer knew he was to see no active service, but merely to do border police duty?" he asked.

"It was to carry out orders by the President of the United States to meet an emergency," General Scott said.

"Oh, yes, that's the way it reads," Representative Greene said, "but that's not the way the men on the border looked at it or the young men back home."

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SCOTT WANTS ARMY OF THREE MILLION TROOPS



Calling attention to the possibility that the United States may some day have to face in war a combination between Great Britain and a powerful Orient nation, General Scott, H. L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States Army, told the Senate Military Affairs committee that in such event the United States under the present system of military training would be helpless. He urged that provisions be made to put an army of 3,000,000 trained men into the field in 90 days if an emergency should arise.

STOCKS TUMBLE TO LOWER QUOTATIONS

Bethlehem Steel Loses 72 Points, or 200 Points From Maximum Level Last Month.

PEACE RUMORS THE CAUSE

Rails Proved Only Notable Exception to the General Reversal—Shipping Shares Were Seriously Affected.

New York, Dec. 20.—Losses of \$10 and 15 points accompanied today's further sweeping liquidation of stocks with 72 points for Bethlehem Steel, which fell to 60, that quotation representing a decline of exactly 200 points from its maximum of the previous month.

Rails again proved the only notable exception to the general reversal, which took in virtually all war and semi-war shares. Shipping stocks were most seriously affected on the New York exchange. It is intended to exercise supreme control over all vessels flying the British flag.

Peace developments were again made the ostensible weapon to bring about further price recessions which not only affected most gains of recent months but sent some stocks down to levels of a year ago. A more powerful factor was found, however, in the tremendous pressure exerted by professional traders, now largely committed to the short side of the market. The clique has operated extensively ever since Germany's peace overtures became known.

Leading financial interests continued to call loans and mark down all but seasoned stocks offered as collateral, to the increased embarrassment of brokers and their clients, the latter being in turn forced to strengthen impaired margins or sell out.

According to board room gossip, heaviest losses of the past week have been sustained by a group of western and southwestern operators who took the market out of the hands of local professionals a few months ago. Today's more extensive recessions in addition to the set back in Bethlehem Steel were Mercantile Marine, 16 points; Steel 7; Crucible Steel 5-4; Lockman Steel 5-1-2; American Locomotive 4-3-4 and as much for Pressed Steel Car.

The long list of larger or extra dividends of the last few months was added by Westinghouse Electric which increased the distribution on the common stocks from 6 to 7 per cent. Money was again easy and in light demand, with no alteration in foreign exchange, such as may be reasonably expected to foreshadow important developments in the European situation.

REPLY TO PEACE NOTE S EXPECTED BEFORE CHRISTMAS

British Communication Will Likely be in Accord With Premier Lloyd-George's Speech.

PRELIMINARY DRAFTS MADE

Official Replies of All the Entente Nations Will be Dispatched Simultaneously.

London, Dec. 20.—There is a strong probability that Great Britain's note in reply to the German peace proposal will be made before Christmas. This was the opinion in well informed government circles today, where it is also believed the reply will be brief and will likely follow the lines of Mr. Lloyd-George's maiden speech as prime minister in so far as it will leave the door open for Germany to make concrete peace proposals.

Great Britain's official reply to Germany, as prominent officials term it, will be dispatched simultaneously with that of her allies. Ever since the German note was handed to the foreign office by the American ambassador it has been subject of discussions between Premier Lloyd-George and his cabinet council, which meets daily. The note and the nature of the reply also have been discussed with Great Britain's allies and it is stated that these conversations have progressed so rapidly that preliminary drafts have already been made.

It would, therefore, not be surprising if the allies' replies were ready by the end of the week. Especially, it is said, would this be true in the case of Great Britain's note which the prime minister is declared to be anxious to dispatch without delay.

When the terms of the note are definitely agreed upon and the document is signed by Lord Robert Cecil, who is acting foreign secretary in the absence of Mr. Balfour, it may be handed to the Ambassador Page with the request that he forward it to the State Department at Washington for transmission to Germany. This is said to be the most likely method inasmuch as the United States represents the Allies' interests in Germany. It is possible, however, that Great Britain may decide to dispatch the reply to the British ambassador at Washington, with instructions to turn it over to the State Department.

MUST NOT TAKE LANGUAGE OF PREMIER TOO SERIOUSLY.
Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 20.—The Cologne Gazette says:

"The language of the British prime minister must not be taken too seriously. We are taught this by some reflections on English peace conclusions in the past, such as that in which she lost the United States and the peace of Amiens in 1802. There is a limit where the blind obedience finds itself confronted with the impossible, and this limit is being brought nearer and nearer by our submarines. Another possible contingency compelling England to make peace would be the secession of one of her allies."

DESIRE CO-OPERATION OF HOLLAND IN PEACE MOVE

Berlin, Dec. 20. (Via Saxville).—A peace movement is being considered by Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Switzerland, in which they wish the co-operation of Holland, according to Deputy Schaper, of the Dutch Parliament, as quoted in a dispatch to the Overseas News Agency from Rotterdam. The news agency states:

"According to telegrams from Rotterdam, Deputy Schaper, of the Dutch Parliament, in a speech made at Delft, announced that Switzerland and the Scandinavian countries were inclined to act as peace mediators, and that they wish the co-operation of Holland. Deputy Schaper advocated greater activity by Holland along this line."

THINK REJECTION BY THE ALLIES VIRTUALLY CERTAIN.
Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 20.—Some of the Vienna newspapers, commenting on the speech of David Lloyd-George, the British premier, express the opinion that the rejection of the peace offer of the Teutonic allies by the Entente allies is virtually certain. The Fremdenblatt says:

"After Mr. Lloyd-George's speech the continuation of the world war is inevitable. Fate will now take its course and the day doubtless will come when Mr. Lloyd-George shudderingly will recognize that England by rejecting the peace offer has really stuck its head into a noose with the rope in our hands."

The Neue Freie Presse, however, thinks that Mr. Lloyd-George's speech still leaves open the possibility that the question will be put to the Central Powers as to what proposals they have to make.

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TEUTONIC ARMIES IN DOBRUDJA NOW BEING OFFERED RESISTANCE

RUSSIAN BELIEVED VICTIM OF U-BOAT

However, None of the Survivors of the Steamer Saw Either Submarine or Torpedo.

REPORT OF U. S. CONSUL

Ship Was Struck Afterside as Night Was Approaching—Is Reported to Have Not Been Under Charter of British Admiralty.

Washington, Dec. 20.—A detailed account of the sinking of the British horse ship Russian, in which 17 American muleteers lost their lives, reached the State Department today by cable from Consul Kepfinger, at Malta. It says the steamer, fighting through a strong gale and drenching rain in the Mediterranean, was struck astern by what was believed to have been a torpedo, though no submarine was seen and that 18 men, including the American muleteers, were drowned through the capsizing of a life boat when the crew left the ship. Later a trawler came to the rescue and took the Russian in tow, but the steamer went to the bottom the next day. The ship was sunk while on a return trip in ballast to Newport News.

The consul said he was informed that the Russian was not under admiralty charter, although she had delivered a cargo of mules at Saloniki, the Allied military base in Greece. The American government will make inquiries at once to determine the status of the ship. If it develops that she actually was a private vessel, the German and Austrian governments will be asked whether one of their submarines made the attack. Unless one of the belligerents admits responsibility it is regarded as probable that the nature of the explosion that wrecked the Russian may remain a mystery, since no one saw a submarine or torpedo and the ship is at the bottom of the sea with her evidence.

Consul Kepfinger's account says: "It was absolutely dark by the time life boats were launched and not one on board ever saw any sign of submarine or any other vessel until two British trawlers came to rescue after about six hours and brought them to Malta. Every one on board so far interviewed are of the opinion that the explosion was caused by torpedo as vessel was struck in hold nearest the stern and was in water more than 2,000 feet deep at time. Russian was towed by a trawler until night of 15th, when it was taken over, it is said, by tugs and (Continued on Page Two.)

Berlin Admits This, But Nothing is Known of Strength of Russo-Rumanian Attacks.

PETROGRAD CLAIMS GAINS

British Near Gommecourt and Arras Carry Out Successful Raids Against Germans.

CARSO FRONT AGAIN ACTIVE

Russians Put Down Attempted Infantry Attack by Teutons.

Aside from the Rumanian theatre, little fighting of moment is taking place on any of the numerous fronts.

In the Dobrudja section the Russians and Rumanians have faced about and are giving battle to the Teutonic allies which have been pursuing them. Just how strong the stand they are making is has not yet been known, the German official communication announcing it merely saying that they have "again offered fighting resistance."

Petrograd Reports Successes.
Petrograd reports that attacks by the invaders near Parfita on the left bank of the Danube were repulsed and says also that operations successful for the Russians and Rumanians are being carried on by scouting parties in the direction of Rimnik-Buzau.

On the front in France, the British near Gommecourt and Arras carried out successful raids against German trenches and bombarded other hostile positions at Gommecourt and near Loos and Hulluch. The Germans for their part believed the British line north of the Somme, near Festubert and Ypres, and south of the Somme bombarded the French at numerous points, the French replying energetically.

Berlin reports the repulse of attacks against the positions of the Teutonic Allies in the Cerna river bend region of Macedonia.

In Galicia, southwest of Brody, the Teutonic Allies after a heavy bombardment of Russian trenches assayed an infantry attack, but were forced by the fire of the Russian guns to seek their own trenches again. Petrograd reports the breaking through of barbed wire (Continued on Page Ten.)

SHEPPARD PROHIBITION ACTED ON ORDERS OF GERMAN GOVERNMENT

Was to Secure Information as to Shipments to Allies.

This is Admitted by German Vice-Consul von Schack, on Trial With Others For Violating U. S. Neutrality Laws.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—That he had received written orders from the German government to secure information on the Pacific coast concerning war munition shipments to Great Britain and her allies was the admission today of German Vice-Consul E. H. Von Schack, one of the defendants in the trial in the Federal court of German Consul General Franz Bopp and associates on conspiracy charges of violating American neutrality. The defendants are alleged to have plotted to destroy ships and railroads carrying munitions to the Entente Allies.

For the purpose of getting this information Von Schack said he hired U. C. Crowley, another of the seven defendants, and Louis J. Smith, star witness for the government. Smith is a co-defendant.

United States District Attorney Preston's request to see the orders brought an objection from Theodore Roche, of counsel for the defense, that such a demand was in violation of German and American treaty rights covering inviolability of government documents.

Von Schack said Crowley had reported to him discovery of Japanese roaming up and down the California coast with field glasses gazing out at the ships of German war vessels. (Continued on Page Two.)

ROBERT E. GONZALES DIES AT THE BORDER

Had Been Ill of Pneumonia for
Only Four Days.

Was Serving With Machine Gun Com-
pany, Second South Carolina In-
fantry—Was Paraphraser
on Columbia State.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 20.—Sergeant Robert E. Gonzales, of the machine gun company, Second South Carolina Infantry, son of W. E. Gonzales, United States minister to Cuba, died at the Bas Hospital, Fort Bliss, of pneumonia, after an illness of four days. Prior to his enlistment as a private last June, Gonzales was a paraphraser on the Columbia State. His writings were extensively copied. He was 28 years old.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 20.—Robert E. Gonzales, prior to his enlistment as a private in the second South Carolina Regiment, when the National Guard was mobilized for Federal service last June, for a number of years was connected with the Columbia State, writing most of the editorial paragraphs. He was 28 years old and a native of Columbia. His parents and one sister survive him.

Minister Gonzales is understood to be on his way from Havana to El Paso. The funeral will be conducted with military honors.

**SIX DEATHS WITHIN TWO
DAYS CAUSED BY PNEUMONIA**
Deming, N. M., Dec. 20.—Six deaths have occurred here during the past two days from pneumonia. These deaths followed the "hike" made by the National Guard brigade camped here during which, it is reported, dropped suddenly and caused much sickness among the soldiers, according to hospital staff officers.

**BRITISH GOVERNMENT WANTS
FULL CONTROL OVER SHIPPING**

This is Given as Premier's Statement
That It Will Be "Nationalized."

New York, Dec. 20.—A desire of the British government to mobilize under one general head the entire ocean cargo carrying facilities of the United Kingdom for the exclusive benefit of the allied armies and the great civilian population of the allied countries is the reason behind the statement of Premier Lloyd-George that the shipping of Great Britain will be "nationalized," according to leading British shipping men here.

For some time, one of the representative steamship men said today, all British vessels have had about one-third of their cargo space commandeered for grain. This space, he said, had been increased now the New York agent has only one-third of his ships available to private shippers.

The same authority added that it was his belief that under the proposed new regulations of more space would be controlled by the government by regulations requiring that all cargo be officially designated. Destination of cargo will mean that shipping in British bottoms of any commodity other than that necessary for maintenance of army and civil life will be forbidden.

It is also deemed not unlikely that British ships now engaged in trade between neutral countries will be called upon to take their place in the line of ships engaged in carrying supplies to Great Britain and her allies.

No serious consideration appears to be given to the suggestion that British ships will be heavier armed than the defense guns, was given full power to conduct peace negotiations without further consultation even with the party leaders. "The chancellor," says the dispatch, "refused point blank to give the leaders any detailed particulars of his peace terms, although he stated bluntly that the terms would not take any consideration of the various expressed wishes of the numerous parties within the empire."

When the leaders objected to granting the chancellor's demands for full power to negotiate, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg countered with the statement that he would resign forthwith unless his demands were met.

"After a long argument, the leaders voted the powers the chancellor wished, explaining later to followers that they were compelled to do this owing to the fear that if Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg resigned he would be succeeded by Admiral Von Tirpitz."

**SHEPPARD PROHIBITION
BILL IS NOT VOTED ON**

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out of the possession of the Senate," said Senator Reed, "legislative business then will resolve itself to grabbing and running. Under these circumstances, the man who can grab the most and run the fastest would be the greatest statesman. If we are proceeding under the rules of the Senate, it is time we know it."

Sensor Ashurst declared he was not disturbed by Mr. Reed's attack. He declared if Senator Reed were fair about the prohibition bill he would allow it to come to a vote.

"The saloon lost out in Arizona and elsewhere," he said, "by such tactics as these. It committed suicide when it spewed the slime of politics like this on itself."

As he concluded the Arizona senator walked slowly through the aisle waving the bill over his head and restored it to the clerk's desk.

The debate which followed took on the nature of a filibuster.

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CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED

Special Attorney J. A. McNorton Says
Aggressive Action Will be Taken
to Collect "Back Taxes."

That a more aggressive campaign for the collection of the \$30,000 worth of back taxes due the county will be inaugurated at once, was the statement made last night by J. A. McNorton, Esq., special county attorney for the collection of "Back Taxes." Mr. McNorton, who was appointed to the foregoing position by the Board of County Commissioners last February, states that Claude C. Cashwell, Esq., will be associated with him in this work and that it is hoped to make a very good showing in the way of collections within the next three months.

Mr. McNorton points out that some of this \$30,000 worth of back taxes runs as far back as 1870, that it has accumulated and accumulated year after year through the failure of the people to pay their current obligations to the county in the way of taxes, and that as a result of the long period during which the taxes were allowed to gradually grow larger, the property on which it is due, has frequently changed hands several times.

The large aggregate sum is made up of amounts all the way from the tiny pittance of 20 cents to \$500. Many of the claims for back taxes against single individuals amount to up in the hundreds of dollars, however.

No special and sustained effort to collect the back taxes was made, Mr. McNorton states, until last February when the matter was placed in his hands. Since that time he says he has collected a little more than \$4,000, although the total sum outstanding remains practically unchanged owing to the fact that the current taxes for 1915, or the past year, ending November 30, to an aggregate amount of about \$4,000 were permitted to go uncollected.

Suits Started.
Within the past two months, Mr. McNorton has started six or eight suits against delinquent taxpayers, and at the last term of court got a judgment for \$450 in one case. Four or five suits are now pending, while more are in contemplation.

He states that L. Clayton Grant, Esq., representative-elect to the Legislature, is right in his contention that the back taxes should be collected, but that the work in connection with the filing of the complaints is considerable as it involves the hunting up of the titles in a large number of cases where the property has changed hands. It also involves the very laborious and onerous operation of digging through old and musty tomes as far back as 1870.

In conclusion, Mr. McNorton stated that he and his associate are now prepared to give the matter practically their undivided attention and are determined to collect the entire \$30,000 owing the county at the earliest possible moment.

This announcement will, no doubt, be a source of gratification to the taxpayers of the county who are in the habit of discharging their obligations to the county in the way of taxes promptly, and if successful will result in cutting down the size of the bond issues which the county is seeking to have submitted to the voters for the next future.

**ACTED ON ORDERS OF
GERMAN GOVERNMENT**

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Japanese, Crowley's reports showed, the witness said, had automobile stations to relay any information they secured. According to Von Schack, Crowley asserted also that the Japanese cruiser Idzumo, cruised off the California coast outside the three mile limit, would relay to wireless stations in Canada information sent from the portable stations operated by the Japanese on land.

Von Schack testified a protest had been made to Rear Admiral Pond, then supervisor of the 12th naval district, another protest to the State Department. This was in 1915. The vice consul denied that Crowley or any one else had been hired to do any dynamiting.

QUEEN OF SWEDEN ILL



The condition of Queen Victoria of Sweden has grown steadily worse in the last week, says a dispatch from Stockholm to the London Morning Post. The report says the Queen's temperature "has risen slightly; there is increased catarrh in the lungs." The Queen is the sister of the Grand Duke of Baden. She is 54 years old and the mother of three sons.

What Shall I Give?

No thought that you can conjure up of what to give for Christmas will serve to settle the doubt as satisfactorily as a little journey through these varied, helpful and appropriate holiday stocks, for in them lies the happy solution for every problem, large and small. Even with no thought in mind of purchasing we shall be glad to have you come and see the store in all the beauty of its holiday decorations. So for once and all you can safely dismiss the question of the proper gift to make—it is certainly here somewhere, and waiting to solve the question to your utmost pleasure. The store of a thousand gift suggestions is ready for you—splendidly ready!

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Men's Long Black Thibet Overcoats at **\$5.95**
Men's \$12.50 Balmacaan Overcoats, at **\$9.95**
Men's \$12.50 Long Black Overcoats, at **\$9.95**
Boys' Suits and Coats, all reduced.

Christmas Sale, Ladies' Suits and Coats
Ladies' \$10.00 Serge Coat Suits, Velvet-trimmed, at **\$6.95**.
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**TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S
NOTES TO BELLIGERENTS**

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instrumentality. One way will be as acceptable to him as another if only the great object he has in mind be attained.

Both Sides Have Same Purpose.
He takes the liberty of calling attention to the fact that the objects which the statements of the belligerents on both sides have in mind in this war are virtually the same, as stated in general terms to their own people and to the world. Each side desires to make the rights and privileges of weak peoples and small states as secure against aggression or denial in the future as the rights and privileges of the great and powerful states now at war.

Each wishes itself to be made secure in the future, along with all other nations and peoples, against the recurrence of wars like this and against aggression of selfish interference of any kind. Each would like to see the formation of a league of nations to preserve an uncertain balance of power amidst multiplying suspicions, but each is ready to consider the formation of a league of nations to insure peace and justice throughout the world. Before that final step can be taken, however, each deems it necessary first to settle the issues of the present war upon terms which will certainly safeguard the independence, the territorial integrity and the political and commercial freedom of the nations involved.

Interested in Lasting Peace.
"In the measures to be taken to secure the future peace of the world, the people and government of the United States are as vitally and as directly interested as the governments now at war. Their interests, moreover, in the means to be adopted to relieve the smaller and weaker people of the world of the peril of wrong and violence is as quick and ardent as that of any other people or government. They stand ready, and even eager, to co-operate in the accomplishment of these ends, when the war is over, with every influence and resource at their command. But the war must first be concluded, upon terms which it is to be concluded they are not at liberty to suggest; but the President does feel that it is his right and his duty to point out their intimate interest in its conclusion lest it should presently be too late to accomplish the greater things which lie beyond its conclusion, lest the situation of neutral nations, now exceedingly hard to endure, be rendered altogether intolerable, and lest, more than all, an injury be done civilization itself, which can never be atoned for or repaired.

Feels Suggestion is Justified.
The President, therefore, feels altogether justified in suggesting an immediate opportunity for a comparison of views as to the terms which must precede those ultimate arrangements for the peace of the world, which all desire and in which the neutral nations as well as those at war are ready to play their full responsible part. If the contest must continue to proceed towards undefined ends by slow attrition until the one group of belligerents or the other is exhausted, if in the end after millions of human lives must continue to be offered up until on the one side or the other there are no more to offer, if resentments must be kindled that can never cool and despair engendered from which there can be no recovery, hopes of peace and of the willing consent of free peoples will be rendered vain and idle.

Entire World Affected.
The life of the entire world has been profoundly affected. Every part of the great family of mankind has felt the burden and terror of this unprecedented contest of arms. No nation in

the civilized world can be said in truth to stand outside its influence or to be safe against its disturbing effects. And yet the concrete objects for which it is being waged have never been definitely stated.

Might Clear Way for Conference.
"The leaders of the several belligerents have, as has been said, stated those objects in general terms. But, stated in general terms, they seem the same on both sides. Never yet have the authoritative spokesmen of either side avowed the precise objects which would, if attained, satisfy them and their people that the war had been fought out. The world has been left to conjecture what definite results, what actual exchange of guarantees, what political or territorial changes or readjustments, what stage of military success even would bring the war to an end."

Action Not Suggested.
To the Central Powers the President says his action was in no way "suggested" by the Entente proposals, while to the Entente Allies he says his note is "in no way associated with them." To both sets of belligerents he says he would have delayed offering it until those overtures had been answered but for the fact that "it also concerns the question of peace and may thus be considered in connection with other proposals which have the same end in view."

Diplomats consider it incredible that the President would bring forward such a proposal at such a time unless he had reason to believe it would receive respectful consideration at the hands of all the belligerents and above all would not prejudice the position of the United States as a possible mediator.

The German Embassy View.
The German embassy view, consistently held, that proposals of the Central Allies would lead to a discussion of peace, was expressed in this authorized statement by Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador.

"Now," said he, "I am perfectly convinced that there will be a conference." **The Nearest Parallel.**
The nearest parallel in world history was President Roosevelt's move in 1905 to end the war between Russia and Japan. But in that case the President had been assured that his proposal would not be disagreeable to either of the belligerents and seriously enough it was through Emperor William of Germany that the preliminary sounding cry had been raised in the suggestion that President Roosevelt take the steps. Before that time President Roosevelt had conferred with the Russian and Japanese diplomats here, the American ambassador to Russia had had conversations with the foreign minister and the American ambassador to Japan had conferred with the Japanese foreign minister.

Had Long Contemplated Move.
Those officials who would discuss the notes thought it worthy of attention that the President, after saying his action had long been in mind, added: "The President can only beg that his suggestion be considered entirely on its own merits and as if it had been made in other circumstances."

The President looks forward in the notes to the part the neutrals shall take in assuring the future peace of the world. He expresses justification in "suggesting an immediate opportunity for a comparison of views as to the terms which must precede those ultimate arrangements for the peace of the world, which all desire, and in which the neutral nations as well as those at war are ready to play their full responsible part."

The objects which the belligerents have in mind, the President points out, are very nearly the same as stated in general terms to their people and to the world, but yet the concrete objects of the war "have never been definitely stated."

Precise Objects Never Stated.
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"It may be," continues the note, "that peace is nearer than we know; that the terms which the belligerents on the one side and on the other would deem it necessary to insist upon are not so irreconcilable as some have feared; that an inter-change of views would clear the way at least for conference and make permanent concord of the nations a hope of the immediate future, a concert of nations immediately practicable."

Probably in Preparation Some Time.
There are indications that President Wilson began preparation of his note some time ago, probably even before the German proposals came out and that the offer of the Central Powers and the succeeding developments made a more favorable opportunity for its presentation.

The fact that the President asks first only a clarification of terms is taken as indicating that he is not expecting an immediate conclusion.

Just when the note was finished has not been disclosed, but it is known that it went to the cables yesterday. On Monday the higher officials of the State Department were taken into the President's confidence and the text was sent to the public printer to make copies for the diplomatic corps. The completion of the note on Monday and its dispatch Tuesday indicate that it was sent regardless of anything that Premier Lloyd-George might say. Officials expect the note to be received with general favor in Germany but many believe the real test will come with its arrival in the Entente countries where many influential persons have feared and sought to prevent any American intervention until the military situation changed.

Would Agree to Mediation.
While German officials thoroughly understood that President Wilson made

it clear that he was not in any sense offering mediation to the warring governments, it was declared that should the negotiations reach that stage, Germany, being anxious to have the peace of Europe restored, willingly would agree to such procedure. Neither does it make any difference to Germany, it is said, whether the conference is composed of representatives of all the belligerents, or just the coalitions. So far as Germany is concerned the view held here is that she would be perfectly willing that a committee of three, formed of a representative of the Central Powers, a representative of the Entente and a representative of the United States, should hold preliminary discussions. The main idea of Germany and her allies is to get each set of belligerents into direct personal communication with the other. The method is considered of secondary importance.

The view prevails in German quarters that all the belligerents will make some definite statement in reply to the United States. The very phraseology of the American communication, it is felt, calls for replies, far more definite than mere acknowledgments of receipt. Count von Bernstorff may discuss the situation with Secretary Lansing some time tomorrow.

**RUSSIAN BELIEVED
VICTIM OF U-BOAT**

(Continued from Page One.)
It has since sunk, according to unofficial reports.

"The nine survivors from capsized boats suffered great hardships from exposure and difficulty in keeping an overturned boat before being rescued. Informed Russian not admiralty charter. Affidavits by mail."

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TOP OF THE MORNING.

It was many hundred years ago that the beams of Bethlehem's star led to Christ the infant King. Men of wisdom from afar.

Just be yourself a shining light. To point to men who've wandered far.

The road that leads unto the Christ-Who is our Bright and Morning Star—LALLA M. BALLINGER.

It is often a fact that what people think they know isn't so.

When people pay as they go they soon find out that it does not pay to go so far.

What have we gotten out of 1917? What has 1916 gotten out of us? Perhaps we have made it a draw.

Men have a right to get all they go after just so they don't get others who are trying to get what they are after, too.

The last of the Mohicans are the few Democrats who believe in principles instead of politics. They are a melancholy lot.

"For every rose there is a thorn," so it seems to be about the same when a lady named Rose finds out that her husband is morose.

Well, of course, if those Spartanburg ladies really are "housewives," their league has a perfect right to boycott and even go on a strike.

Doing our best to be happy and trying to make others happy is the philosophy of Santa Claus, the king of the grand domain of Optimism.

All of us ought to take a hand in the discovery of North Carolina. We only see North Carolina. We haven't yet discovered this greatest of the South Atlantic States.

No city can go ahead any faster than its people can go. The people don't have to keep up with their city. It has to keep up with them. The gait that a city goes is only the gait that its people have on them.

If they run the hands of the clock forward one hour it will be 10 o'clock instead of 9 when some people take a notion to get up for breakfast. Why not have breakfast at 7 o'clock instead of monkeying with the clock?

The Greensboro News says: "As a moral risk, the hundreds of newspaper men in this State are good for half a million dollars, or a million dollars, or millions of dollars, any day in the year." Boys, that's fine. It's almost good enough to show to the cashier at the bank when money is wanted.

Says the Rochester Herald: "Professor Shaw, of New York University, is quoted as saying that woman is nothing but a satellite." Anyhow, that is entirely different from the opinion of the old grouch who declared that woman is a parasite. "A ministering angel thou" is what the gallant Lord Byron called woman.

The coming of wild ducks and wild geese in large numbers does not indicate cold weather here. It indicates the inhospitable regions from which they took their flight. The wild fowl is a tourist of knowledge or instinct as to the whereabouts of feeding grounds that are not frozen over so hard and fast that there is nothing to eat.

Since the world is so anxious for peace now, it ought to appreciate peace more when the world has peace. Some day the world will not laugh at the idea that peace at any price is worth more to humanity than war at any cost. No possible result of the war in Europe can compensate for the millions of lives lost, nor for the misery, suffering and mourning entailed upon the survivors, nor for the degeneracy of posterity, nor for the shies of brass that hang over religion and civilization because of such a merciless scourge.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF ADVERTISING

Mr. Allen Maull, general advertising and development agent of the Atlantic Coast Line, with headquarters in Wilmington, presented The Star on yesterday with a treatise on "The Philosophy of Advertising." It is a booklet of 16 pages, and he is the author of it. He wrote it because of the great public and personal importance of advertising, and in his valuable booklet he certainly presents facts, submits reasons and makes suggestions of vital concern to those who advertise as well as those who offer the mediums of advertising to those who spend money for that article.

Mr. Maull writes as an expert advertiser and his treatise has all the earmarks of a man who knows the art and science as well as the philosophy of advertising. He even throws out hints on the psychology of advertising, the strange effects which certain publicity of action, of stunts or of movements have upon people, almost unconsciously. He greatly interests, entertains, instructs and points both the advertiser and the publicity man. For years he has been either one or both at the same time. He is doing both now directly and indirectly. He even advertises advertising, because he tells how it pays and points out the mistakes that make some advertising a mere waste of money.

Mr. Maull advertises for the Atlantic Coast Line and he says it pays because he knows it pays. He knows how to make it pay, and we divine in his treatise a motive to make advertisers understand and profit from the right kind of advertising. He emphasizes advertising of the right kind as the only kind that pays. A paying advertisement depends upon the right kind of medium through which the people are reached. The idea is to reach the most people, and Mr. Maull does not hesitate to place the well circulated newspaper in the first class of mediums. He points out the fact that when an advertiser has something worth selling he should advertise it, but he also declares that it is waste of money to advertise something that isn't worth selling. That deceives the buyer and such an advertiser advertises his own downfall in the public confidence. He also reminds advertisers that it is a loss of money to discount advertising when some better advertisement ought to be inserted so that its paying effects can be felt. He tells how honest, live advertising pays and how the other kind doesn't.

Everybody believes in advertising. A merchant who sticks a sign up over his door believes in advertising his business place to those who happen to go by and look up. However, he overlooks the real value of advertising that goes into a newspaper and attracts the attention of people in a dozen or more counties. Lots of them never notice a merchant's sign calling attention to his place of business, but they notice his advertisements in the newspapers in which he calls attention to what he has for sale.

We haven't followed Mr. Maull's idea of treating advertising under its various heads, serially, for we only wanted to say in a general way that he has "said something" about the philosophy of advertising—the why, the how, the reason, the purpose, the object—whether it be to make money, to get an audience, to attract a congregation or to get in the limelight for this or that purpose—maybe to go to Congress. We must call attention to the fact that Mr. Maull asserts that advertising is in no sense an expense. It is an investment—a part of the stock in trade—the best seller of whatever there is to be sold. Need it be said that a live store disposes of its stock through and by means of such sellers as good advertising without and good salesmen within?

DEATH OF ROBERT E. GONZALES.

How extremely distressing is the shocking news concerning the death of Robert E. Gonzales, of the Columbia State, who passed away yesterday morning at Camp Stewart, El Paso, Texas, after an acute attack of pneumonia. He went to the border last summer as a member of the Second South Carolina machine gun company, and was soon afterward promoted to the rank of sergeant. He was also appointed regimental historian on account of his well known newspaper ability.

However, it was as the brilliant paragon of the Columbia State, that he was known to practically the entire country. He had a peculiar and happy faculty of writing, the catching and striking paragraphs that made The State paper famous from one end of the country to the other. He was 25 years of age, and ranked as one of the most promising young newspaper men of the South. Sergeant Gonzales was a son of Capt. W. E. Gonzales, United States Minister to Cuba and formerly editor of The State, and was a native of Columbia.

Not only The State paper, but Southern journalism as well has suffered a great loss in the death of a newspaper man of such exceptionally fine gifts as Bob Gonzales. Young Gonzales has given his life in the service of his country. When there was a call for state troops to go to Mexico, he joined his home company and went to the border. He has succumbed to the fatality of camp life, and his death will not only bring deep grief to Captain Gonzales and his family, but to the thousands who knew his gifted son, either personally or by reputation.

PEACE TALK NOT NECESSARILY ENDED.

Careful perusal of the speech of Premier Lloyd-George, foreshadowing the formal reply of the Entente Allies to the Central Powers' proposal for peace negotiations and summarizing the attitude of Great Britain and her allies, falls to disclose anything necessarily calculated to effectually end the movement toward peace, which was launched by the Teutonic Allies a little more than a week ago. The premier seems to have taken pains not to flatly and finally refuse to enter into peace negotiations. It hardly requires a strained interpretation of the premier's deliverance to enable those of optimistic inclination to discern in it a cautious though almost covert bid for further talk from Germany.

Ready acquiescence in the Teutonic proposals, without peace terms having been stated, could not have been expected from the Entente governments. Viewing the situation from the neutral standpoint and considering what has been said by both sides heretofore since the war began, little less could have been expected from the Allies than the declarations made by the British premier, as a preliminary statement of their general attitude toward the subject of peace negotiations. Neither the prime minister's utterance nor the German chancellor's note can be properly considered more than a preliminary statement of the general attitude of the respective groups of belligerents.

The Central Powers proposed to enter into negotiations for peace, without stating any specific terms, but outlining their contentions as to the cause of the war, the principles for which they claim to be fighting, the end they seek and foreshadowing in a general way the sort of peace terms that might be possible from their standpoint, placing the blame for the conflict and its consequences upon their enemies, of course. In turn, the Entente powers have re-stated their contentions as to the principles for which they entered the war and have continued to fight, the end they seek and the sort of peace terms upon which they would agree to end the struggle, blaming the war upon Germany, of course. All this might be taken as a sort of preliminary challenge from each of the respective sides for a statement of peace terms from the other.

Germany's failure to state any proposed terms of peace in her first note on the subject can be appreciated. Unless they had been in the nature of overtures so great as to astonish the world, the Entente would have rejected them and the Teutonic powers would not only have been embarrassed but their position before their adversaries and the world would have been weakened very materially. It was natural, then, that the Central Powers first of all should propose peace negotiations without any statement of terms and thereby secure from the Entente Allies an expression embodying a preliminary statement of terms of peace. This furnishes the Central Powers a preliminary "survey of the land" as it were, so that they are in position to proceed, if they care to proceed at all, far more intelligently than they could have done before.

To use a commonplace illustration: A man is inclined to purchase a piece of property belonging to another, provided he can secure terms that he might be willing to meet. He is not sure that the owner cares to sell, nor does he know approximately what the terms of sale would be, if the property could be bought at all. So he cautiously lets the owner know that he is inclined to buy, without making an offer. The owner comes back naming a "lowest price" and terms. That would be preliminary to negotiations and might or might not result in an ultimate sale. Certainly it would not forestall any further move toward a sale, very especially if indeed the transaction itself, on some sort of terms, were one that both parties really desired.

With the formality of sending a note from the Entente governments embodying the substance of Premier Lloyd-George's speech, the next move will be up to Germany and her allies, and the world will watch with keenest interest and with speculation in anticipation of the next Teutonic official utterance on the subject. While no peace is in sight, peace talk on the part of the two groups of belligerent governments is not necessarily ended. Thus far we have had only the initial preliminaries to peace negotiations.

UNCLE SAM NEEDS THE ISLANDS.

The sum of \$25,000,000 for the Danish West Indies is a big price, but Uncle Sam needs them at almost any price. The probability now is that he will get the property, the chief value of which is that the islands are absolutely necessary to the defense plans of this country. They are about midway on the regular ocean lane from this country to the Panama Canal, so they become a strategic point both for the protection of the canal and the commerce of America. They are peculiarly important as a naval consideration mostly.

So long as it is known that Denmark has no special use for the islands and was liable at any time to sell them to some foreign power, it is wise for the United States to take them over without running the risk of having them to fall into the hands of a power that might some day use them to our disadvantage, if not undoing. Setting forth some of the reasons why we should purchase the islands of St. Thomas and

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Diamond Scarf Pins	\$ 3.00 to 25.00
Diamond Pocket Knives	\$ 5.00 to 10.00

Attractive Gifts in Gold

Solid Gold Lavallieres	\$2.00 to \$50.00
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Solid Gold Bracelets	\$3.50 to \$50.00
Solid Gold Scarf Pins	.75 to \$40.00
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Solid Gold Tie Clips	\$1.25 to \$5.00
Solid Gold Coat Chains	\$3.00 to \$15.00
Solid Gold Waldemar Chains	\$4.00 to \$20.00
Solid Gold Brooches	\$1.00 to \$25.00
Solid Gold Baby Pins, per pair	\$1.00 to \$12.50
Solid Gold Baby Neck Chains	\$1.50 to \$15.00
Solid Gold Baby Bracelets	\$3.00 to \$ 7.50
Solid Gold Cameo Rings	\$4.50 to \$35.00

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German Silver Bread Trays	\$1.50 to \$ 3.50
German Silver Sandwich Trays	\$1.50 to \$ 3.50
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Waldemar Chains	\$3.50 to \$10.00
Tie Holders	\$1.50 to \$ 2.50
Shaving Sets	\$2.50 to \$ 5.00
Gold Coat Chains	\$2.50 to \$ 5.00
Field Glasses	\$5.50 to \$13.00
Smoking Sets	\$1.50 to \$ 3.50
Umbrellas	\$1.00 to \$ 7.50
Eastman Kodaks	\$1.50 to \$25.00
Alarm Clocks	\$1.00 to \$ 2.50
Fountain Pens	\$1.00 to \$ 5.00

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Parlor Clocks	\$4.00 to \$12.50
Glass Punch Bowls	\$3.50 to \$12.00
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Casseroles	\$1.50 to \$ 3.50
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Brass Jardinieres	\$1.25 to \$ 2.50
Brass Candlesticks	\$1.00 to \$ 5.00



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St. Croix, Roland G. Usher writes:

"Suppose some European nation should seize this as a fleet base for operations against our positions in the Gulf of Mexico or against our own Atlantic coast. Suppose it should fortify it secretly and then, when all was ready, make a dash at Panama and take possession. The guns in the forts around the canal are still very vulnerable to a modern fleet, and it is difficult to see how the canal could hold out many hours. It is still more difficult to see how it could be retaken without the expenditure of many times \$25,000,000 and the loss of thousands of lives. We do not know that any European nation has any such plans or would attempt to carry them out after the present war. But why take a chance on it? Why sit round and wait for trouble to come? Why not take out an insurance policy of about \$25,000,000 on a property worth, at a modest computation, about \$500,000,000? A policy all paid up for the rest of time, so far as that particular source of trouble is concerned."

Well, it seems that the Danish West Indies are worth something as national insurance. At the recent referendum election in Denmark, the people approved the proposed sale of the islands, so it is safe to say that they will be ours as soon as the formalities can be carried out. Some time ago a treaty of sale was ratified by the Danish parliament, but the opposition forced the question to a vote of the people. Now that they have decided in favor of selling the islands, it seems that all obstacles to the transaction have been removed.

That is a fine bit of publicity being given by the Southern Railway in a series of advertisements it is running in papers published in towns and cities along its route. It is not only educational but is calculated to soften perceptibly the more or less hostility in many quarters toward railroads in general. One of the recent series of advertisements points out that in the last ten years the Southern Railway has paid in taxes to counties and the States it traverses in the South for schools, bridges, roads and pensions the princely sum of \$12,444,584. And more, as

the advertisement concludes, "The Southern is proud to have made this contribution to the upbuilding of the South."

CURRENT COMMENT.

The coming of the snow brought greater delight to nobody than to the wheat farmers of North Carolina. The acreage in wheat has been largely increased, but the crop has not had favorable conditions, the need of rain having been much in evidence. The snow, however, proved of vast benefit. A good snow in December is invariably regarded by the wheat farmers as a blessing, and Monday's visitation was just what they had been hoping for. The pleasure of the farmers would have been added to if the fall had been a little bit drier.—Charlotte Observer.

Forestry regulation that have "teeth in them" and that will prevent the destruction of millions of dollars in timber by forest fires each year is to be asked for at the coming session of the Legislature and the newspaper folks of the State are in the forefront with their request—since improved forestry laws means the coming of paper mills to the State and a utilizing of the mill wastes to the material benefit of the newspapers as with that condition the newspapers would be available here at home at a reasonable figure. If the present exorbitant price for print accomplishes nothing else than to stir the State and the need of such a conservation program with regard to our forests, all the worry and annoyance will be worth while and then some to spare—though it is a mighty dark day in the publisher's horizon right now.—Rocky Mount Telegram.

New Bern has secured that proposed veneering plant and with the course of a few weeks the hum of its machinery will be heard in this city, much to the delight of those who are interested in New Bern's welfare and growth. At one time we had grave fears that our business men would fail to grasp the great opportunity afforded them in securing the plant but every effort to accomplish the desired end was put forward by them and enough money was subscribed to make the plant possible and it will be put into operation at an early date. New Bern has need of new enterprises of this sort. It needs cotton mills, veneering plants, knitting

mills and a number of other manufacturing and the fact that we have been successful in securing the first one of these that has been offered us, assures the fact that others will come this way in the near future. In placing the credit for securing this veneering plant, we gladly give it to the chamber of commerce. That organization worked hard and faithfully to bring it to New Bern and their efforts proved of avail and every New Bernian that we have heard speak of the matter in any way, has given them the full credit for this accomplishment and has highly praised that body for its efforts along this line.—New Bern Sun-Journal.

CHARGED WITH SEDUCTION.

Young White Man Will Face Recorder Friday Morning.

The only case coming before the Recorder at yesterday morning's session of the court was that of Bill Butler, a young white man charged with seduction. His hearing was postponed until 11 A. M. Friday. He is represented by Woodrow Kellum, Esq., while Walter E. Gafford, Esq., will appear for the State. Pending his hearing Butler's bail was fixed at \$200.

Christmas Slippers at Peterson & Rufts, for the whole family. d18,17,13.

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SCHOOLS HOLD CLOSING EXERCISES TOMORROW

North Carolina Day Will be Also Elaborately Observed.

Double-Barreled Celebration of Christmas and Education Day Will be Held in All City Schools. Committees to Attend.

It is expected that a large number of friends and patrons of the city schools will attend the interesting and elaborate programme of exercises in the public schools of the city Friday morning in connection with the celebration of North Carolina Day and Christmas.

December 22 is required by law to be observed in the public schools of the State this year as it is desired to commemorate the life and work of the late Judge Archibald D. Murphey, who is known as "The Father of the Public Schools" of North Carolina. While in the Legislature Judge Murphey worked unceasingly for the improvement of the public school system. His work was largely a "labor of love", and his interest in establishing a general plan of public instruction in North Carolina and his work for the betterment of its educational system, has advanced the cause of education greatly, although the State still has far to go before the educational opportunities given its children will enable them to stand shoulder to shoulder with the leaders.

Dr. Joyner's Purpose. In this connection, State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner, in a bulletin received here by the city and county superintendents of schools, has the following to say:

"Believing it wise to instill into the minds of each generation the fundamental principles of public education and to impress the children with the fundamental necessity of an adequate system of public schools as the only means of disseminating knowledge and intelligence among the masses of the people, and of placing equality of educational opportunity within the reach of rich and poor, high and low, and as one of the best means of preserving liberty and promoting virtuous citizenship, progress, and prosperity, we have planned to begin with this bulletin a series of bulletins for the celebration of North Carolina Day in the public schools centering around some of the great educational leaders of the State, containing the story of their struggles and service, and extracts from their addresses and writings, setting forth their educational doctrines and philosophy."

"It is fitting that the first of the series should be devoted to the life, service and teachings of Archibald D. Murphey, called by common consent, 'The Father of the Public Schools of North Carolina'."

In accordance with permission granted by Superintendent Joyner, the county schools of New Hanover will observe the day after the holidays, as this arrangement appears more convenient and desirable.

Letter to Committees. Superintendent J. A. Blair has written the following letter to the city school committees:

"The principal teachers and pupils would be greatly pleased to have a full attendance, in a body, of the committee in charge of their school, on the occasion of the exercises preparatory to the closing for the Christmas holidays."

"We should like you, if possible, to arrange to spend as much as an hour visiting in different class rooms in your respective schools. A schedule of the hours when the exercises will be held in the different schools follows: Union, 9 A. M.; William Hooper, 9:45 A. M.; Isaac Bear Memorial, 10:30 A. M.; Cornelius Harnett, 11 A. M.; Heddenway, 11:30 A. M."

SPECIAL HOLIDAY RATES BECAME EFFECTIVE YESTERDAY

Round Trip Tickets Bought Now Good Until January 10th.

The special holiday rates on the Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard roads became effective yesterday. These tickets sold at reduced rates at all points along the two systems to any place in the southeastern States, including Washington, St. Louis, New Orleans, Cincinnati and Memphis, are good for return until January 10th. The tickets will be sold until Christmas day.

The Atlantic Coast Line is today carrying a large number of excursionists to Havana, Cuba. Tickets have been sold from points in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. Those going to Cuba may take either via Tampa or via the Florida East Coast to Key West and thence to Havana. Tickets are good for return until January 7th and permit of stop-overs both going and coming. The excursionists will travel on the regular trains. It is expected that there will be quite a large number who will take advantage of the greatly reduced rates at which these tickets are sold as a trip to the tropics at this time of the year is particularly attractive.

SPECIAL CHADBOURN TRAIN MADE ITS FIRST TRIP YESTERDAY

Service Put on for the Benefit of Holiday Shoppers in Wilmington.

The special passenger train from Chadbourne to Wilmington, which the Atlantic Coast Line is operating for the benefit of the holiday shoppers, made its first run yesterday. This train will be operated today, tomorrow and Saturday. While the train does not go further than Chadbourne, it connects with a train both ways for Conway, S. C.

Leaving Conway at 6:40 A. M., the train arrives at Chadbourne at 7:30 A. M. and in Wilmington at 8:15 A. M. There will be an entire day in Wilmington as the train does not leave on the return until 6:20 P. M. and arrives at Chadbourne at 8:15 P. M. and Conway at 12:15 A. M. The special holiday rates apply to this train and it should receive a large patronage.

Holiday Suburban Schedule. For the benefit of people living on the suburban line, the Tidewater Power Co. announces that on Saturday, Christmas Eve, cars will be operated every half hour from 2 to 10 P. M. There will also be an extra car leaving Front and Princess streets, for Wrightsville, at 12:10 midnight.

LEGISLATURE WILL BE FLOODED WITH BILLS

J. O. Carr and Robert Ruark, Esqs., Return From Raleigh.

Every County Representative Has Pocketsful of Local Bills Which He Wants to Push Through Before "Closed Season."

United States District Attorney J. O. Carr, who has been in Raleigh for the past several days attending Federal Court and who also attended a meeting of the committee appointed by President A. L. Brooks, of the North Carolina Bar Association, to assist the General Assembly in enacting legislation in accordance with the constitutional amendments restricting private and local legislation by the Assembly, returned to the city yesterday.

Robert Ruark, Esq., who is a member of the committee appointed by the North Carolina Municipal Association to frame a general law for the government of cities, also returned to Wilmington yesterday from a meeting of this committee held in Raleigh.

These two committees met in joint session Tuesday afternoon, and although the results of their deliberations in detail were not made public, it is safe to say that it is the consensus of opinion on the part of the committees that when the General Assembly convenes in Raleigh on January 3, the legislative mill will be literally flooded with private and local legislation during the first six days, before the new constitutional amendments have become effective.

Very little attention was paid to these important amendments by the voters, but the amendments were ratified, none the less, and they restrict the Legislature on and after January 10th from enacting legislation, to a large extent, of a private or local nature.

Hence the rush to get local legislation through the mill before the "closed season" for such. Practically every county in the State has some of these public local laws which it is calling upon its representative to push through. Consequently nearly every member of that body will have from one to three private bills affecting only his own county to drop in the legislative hopper, as soon as the speaker's gavel sounds. These matters will doubtless range from bond issues to county game laws. Bond issues for individual cities must be pushed through during the first six days or not at all in accordance with the amendments.

Can Pass Road Acts. With respect to bond issues for counties, and this is a matter of especial interest here, a perusal of the amendments as adopted show there is nothing to prevent their being provided for at any time during the approaching session of the Legislature, according to lawyers who have examined them.

The fourth Article of the Constitution has been amended in such a way as to make it the duty of the Legislature to provide by general legislation for the restriction of the power of cities, towns and incorporated villages in their borrowing of money, raising debts and levying their credit, but there is nothing in the amendment to prevent counties from doing this. Hence it is believed that there will be no difficulty in getting a bill through the Legislature providing for the submission of the \$250,000 school bond issue for New Hanover county to the voters of the county.

PAINTS STARS AND STRIPES ON FRONT OF HIS OFFICE

"Judge" Bornemann Gives Patriotic Hue to His Establishment.

"In order to show the whole world how I stand, I have painted my office in front with the American colors—red, white and blue and with the stars and stripes," declared "Judge" G. W. Bornemann yesterday. He further stated that if this country should ever be involved in war with Germany, he for one, would shed the last drop of his blood for this, his adopted country. He declared that he was also in favor of having every immigrant, who comes to this country being required to take out naturalization papers if he stays as much as five years.

FEAST OF LIGHTS BEGINS

Special Service in Observance of Temple of Israel Sunday.

Observance of Chanukkah, the feast of dedication, familiarly known as the feast of lights, a post Biblical Jewish festival, began yesterday and will continue for eight days. It is rated in the traditional Jewish calendar as one of the most important and is marked by no elaborate ritual either in the synagogue or in the home. The principal ceremony is the kindling of lights—one the first night, two the second and so on cumulatively until the eighth day is reached on the eighth night.

Special service in observance of the festival will be held next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Temple of Israel by the rabbi, Rev. Dr. S. Menchelsohn.

FUNERAL OF MRS. THOMAS.

Remains of Aged Woman Laid Away at Oakdale Yesterday.

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Bettie Thomas, wife of Mr. John H. Thomas, who died at her home, No. 115 North Third street, Tuesday afternoon, were held from St. Andrew's Presbyterian church at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. Many beautiful floral tributes were received. Interment was made at Oakdale.

The following acted as pall-bearers: Honorary, Messrs. W. H. Sprunt and Thomas R. Post; active, Messrs. W. B. McCallahan, J. G. Carroll, D. L. Latta, A. H. Shepard, W. B. Thorpe and J. C. Stewart.

SLIGHT WRECK AT CALYPSO.

Derailment of Freight Car Caused Two Hours Delay.

Atlantic Coast Line passenger train No. 41, running between Norfolk and Wilmington, was delayed for two hours yesterday morning by the derailment of a freight car near Calypso. The train arrived in Wilmington at 11:50. No one was injured, and the accident caused very little damage.

SAYS PUBLIC DEFENDER IS NEEDED BY COUNTY

Poor Man Cannot Get Fair Trial in Courts, Says Capt. Meares.

City Clerk and Treasurer Think Creation of Office Would be Merely an Act of Delayed Justice—Cites From Constitution.

That New Hanover county ought to have a public defender is the opinion of Capt. Thos. D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer, who gave his views on the subject to a Star man yesterday. As a matter of fact, Captain Meares thinks, our whole judicial system in North Carolina ought to have a general overhauling by the Legislature in order to make it an advanced and humane institution, capable of reforming weak moral characters and not merely punishing them.

Captain Meares reads the Constitution. Perhaps it is not his favorite diversion in the way of literature. At any rate it is an unusual enough thing to make it worthy of comment. He also believes that some of its lofty provisions with regard to the rights of all persons, and in particular, to have a fair and impartial trial and to have counsel amount to "fiction." He is an admirer of lofty sentiments expressed in the State Constitution, a frequent recurrence to fundamental principles announced therein, and he believes to be absolutely necessary to preserve the blessings of liberty. The Constitution is the fundamental law of the State, he points out, and it declares that in all criminal prosecutions every man has a right to have counsel for his defense.

Ought to Find Facts.

"The county needs a Public Defender just as much as it needs of public prosecutor," declared Captain Meares, "because it is not the business of the State to be interested solely in securing convictions, but rather to ascertain the facts in the case."

"With no lawyer, no money and no witnesses, the poor man accused of crime, justly or unjustly, in this county is tried before the Recorder, who hears practically only one side. How can such a man be said to have had a fair trial? Yet the Constitution says, and it is the supreme law of the State, that 'no person shall be convicted of any crime but by the unanimous verdict of a jury.' Of course, it is provided that such a defendant shall have the right of appeal, but without a lawyer to advise him, many poor and ignorant people are convicted and sent to the roads without any knowledge of how to avail themselves of their rights."

Need Jury of Peers.

"Suppose he should appeal, what chance has he of a fair trial in the upper court with an unpaid and inexperienced lawyer appointed to defend him, and a trained lawyer on the other side?"

"Then look at the kind of men we get on an average jury. The ancient mode of trial by jury we get from the old English Common Law, and in England the provision that a man shall be tried by a jury of his peers means something. An English lord, for instance, can demand a trial by a jury of lords or earls. Some jurymen in this country would not know whether 'peer' was to be spelled 'peer' or 'bear'."

"The Common Law idea was that men in the same line of life, people who knew best the defendant's habits, life and surroundings, were best fitted to pass on his guilt or innocence."

ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT IN STARTED SOUTH OF CITY

Southeastern Realty Co. Acquires L. L. Hanby Place—To Sell Farms.

The Southeastern Realty Company, which recently purchased from L. L. Hanby a large tract of land on the Fort Fisher (Carolina Beach) highway, between Sunset and Third streets, is now developing the land by dividing it up into small farms which will be sold at low prices and on attractive terms. This is the fourth large real estate deal transacted within a week and is a strong indication of the growth and prosperity of the city.

The Southeastern Realty Company developed Winoka Terrace and other suburban properties in the vicinity of Wilmington and the growth and prosperity of the city is an important factor in building up the city and community. It is the intention of the company to begin immediately the work of developing their newly acquired property.

The tract was divided into small farms of from 10 to 20 acres and offered for sale. This would prove popular to people who live in a small country place near the city.

The Southeastern company are Messrs. F. Wright, R. H. Northrop and C. B. Barneale, all of whom are engaged real estate men.

YES, SOMETHING HAPPENED

So There Was a Story at Police Headquarters Yesterday.

It was near midnight yesterday afternoon when the police reporter approached the desk sergeant at headquarters.

"Anything happened today?" queried the p. r.

"Yes," replied the d. a. "There is a dead dog on South Eighth street."

No information as to the cause of death was available, save that the canine's heart ceased its operations and the remainder of his corporeal being did likewise through sympathy. Funeral services were conducted at the city incinerator.

CALLED TO CHARLOTTEVILLE, VA.

Mother of Mr. T. B. Jackson Passed Away Monday in Virginia.

Mr. Thomas B. Jackson, foreman of the central fire station, left yesterday afternoon for Charlottesville, Va., where he was called on account of the death of his mother, which occurred in that city Tuesday. Mrs. Jackson was 82 years of age, and was on a visit to her sister in Charlottesville at the time. She had been seriously ill for several other relatives in this city. The funeral services will be conducted in Richmond today, and interment will be made in Hollywood cemetery.

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POLICE WANT INCREASE IN THEIR SALARIES

L. Clayton Grant, Esq., Presents Request to Council.

Suggested City Employees be Given Raise of 10 Per Cent—Improvements are Discussed—Open Season for Fire Crackers.

A request for an increase of 10 per cent in the salaries of policemen, firemen and employees of the street department and the need of making numerous improvements to the streets of the city were problems that engaged the attention of City Council yesterday and after discussion were passed over to the finance committee for consideration.

Councilman Bradshaw explained that while his budget was already overdrawn more than \$1,000, owing to the numerous repairs that had to be made to the streets as a result of the floods of rain last summer, ten carloads of gravel are needed at once to make other repairs, and asked that he be given permission to buy this material at once. At the request of Councilman McCall, it was referred to the finance committee.

Urges Increase in Salary.

L. Clayton Grant, Esq., representative-elect to the General Assembly, appeared before Council in behalf of the members of the police department to ask that all under the chief be given an increase of salary after January 1st of 10 per cent. He explained that many of the corporations are now giving bonuses to employees because it is realized that the cost of living has greatly increased. While he was not authorized to ask for an increase for the fire and street departments, he thought that these employees of the city should also be given the same increase. He discussed at some length the increase in the cost of living as a reason why the increase should be granted. While the increase for each individual would be small, said the policeman now receiving \$75 a month, he added, it would mean an additional expenditure by the city of \$15,000, but he did not believe that any taxpayer could object to it. He added that some of these "higher up" had received increases in salary in the past two years but that the policemen had received no increase.

Prior to presenting the request, Mr. Grant briefly discussed the question of taxes, declaring that he was keenly interested not only because he will be a member of the next Legislature but also as an individual. He suggested that there are large amounts of property that are not listed and that many people were escaping the payment of just taxes. He believed that the remedy lay through the grand jury and spoke of the splendid work that has recently been done in Virginia through this means.

Councilman McCall declared that he did not have a sufficiently active mind to jump from one extreme to the other, as Mr. Grant had done, by wanting to have reduced taxes on Council and on the other hand calling for an increased expenditure. He agreed with the proposition that a grand jury could accomplish a great deal by investigating the listing of property.

Former Councilman T. W. Wood asked Council to consider the advisability of supporting legislation for fixing a lower tax on money on deposit. He explained that while money deposited in a bank is not subject to tax, the interest on this has to be paid out for taxes. This results in a great deal of money not being listed as is indicated by the bank statements which show deposits amounting to \$1,000,000 in Wilmington while only a quarter of a million was listed last year.

The high tax rate on money also results in much of its being driven elsewhere, Councilman Wood thought. Because of a more advantageous rate, he believed that if a lower rate was made for money that it would result in more being listed and that the revenue in the end would be larger than at present.

Mr. Wood declared that he had given up hopes of having the people to vote on the question of a municipally owned electric light and gas plant. He believed that such a plant would result in a great saving to the community.

Best For Work to Do.

"I have tried everywhere to get work but without success. I have no means of supporting my family. My wife is hungry, her teeth ache, the ground and she is actually suffering. I have come up here to see if you gentlemen can help me."

Such was the plea of Mr. Frank Lofton, who lives at Seventh and Wright streets, and who had been voluntarily effected by his plea and several made individual contributions for his help.

Councilman Bradshaw said he was powerless to do anything but was asked by Councilman Merritt, if he couldn't give Lofton work to do on the streets. Councilman Bradshaw said he had all the men he needed and that he had called every day for employment. Only Tuesday he had had to turn down two men. One man had come to his store and asked to spend the night by the stove in order to keep warm. They came to his home at night, said Councilman Bradshaw, and every day he had calls for help that he could not answer.

Mayor Moore was authorized to make an investigation and to take care of this case out of the charity fund of the city. Adjutant Yates, of the Salvation Army, later in the day rendered such assistance as was needed immediately.

Mr. T. A. Green, proprietor of the Hotel Wilmington, appeared before the board to ask if he could not secure some remedy against increasing water rent. He submitted figures showing that for the first quarter this year he paid \$59, for the second quarter \$104 while for the third quarter it was \$194. He thought that there must be something wrong.

Capt. Thos. D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer, stated that for the third quarter of 1915, Mr. Green had paid \$203.54 while for the same quarter this year he had paid \$155.40. Mr. Green in reply stated that he believed that there had been something wrong last year also. His complaint was referred to the water and sewerage department with the power to act. Councilman Merritt suggested that a new meter be put in to test the old one.

Many Improvements Needed.

Councilman Bradshaw, who was asked at the last meeting to confer with Mr. Nesbitt about the dumping of night soil, etc., submitted a report recom-

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mending the purchase by the city of 600 cans at 95 cents each and 150 cans with lids at \$1 each and that these be placed in every closet in the city that is not connected with the sewer. The cost of scavenging a surface and box closet is 25 cents, it was stated, and for can closets only eight cents. By the purchase of the cans a saving of \$135 a month can be effected which would pay for the cans in five and a half months. This report was referred to the finance committee.

Councilman Bradshaw recommended also that Council abolish supplying of free water and sewerage and that the city advance money to property owners for the purpose of installing plumbing for flush closets under an act of the Legislature authorizing municipalities to abate nuisances, making it a lien against the property.

Councilman Bradshaw submitted a bid from the MacInnes & Lynch Tree Trimming Co. for trimming the trees in the block on Third street between Dock and Orange at a cost of \$147. He referred to a complaint made because of the exposure of the water pipe on Princess street between 12th and 13th which he stated needed immediate attention and also to the need

for two retention walls on Walnut street. He also asked that lights be placed at 16th and Orange streets and at 17th street and Carolina avenue.

One of the big needs of his department, Councilman Bradshaw stated, is a shed for the sheltering of the city's street equipment. This could be built at the city stables for about \$200 he thought. At present the equipment is exposed to the weather as the present shed is too small. This was referred to the finance committee.

Mr. Warren Galloway, a retired merchant, presented a number of bills against employees of the street department, some of them running back for several years. He had been unable to collect them, he stated, and he asked that he be given some relief. The matter was left in the hands of Councilman Bradshaw.

Will Buy Fire Hose.

Councilman Bunting was authorized to advertise for 1,800 feet of hose for the fire department. He was also authorized to buy a watchman's clock for the watchman at the city stables. This clock will cost the city \$50.

Councilman Jones called attention to the recommendation of Engineer Sweeney, of the waterworks depart-

ment, that the city buy a machine for facing valves. His cost would be \$276. The finance committee will look into the matter.

Each member of Council was presented a handsome purse and card case book and pocket book by Mr. Geo. H. Hutaff, president of the Coca-Cola Bottling Works, these being souvenirs of the Christmas season, and on motion of Councilman Merritt were accepted with thanks.

The paving of South Front street from Castle to Dawson, a distance of two blocks, which was authorized some time ago, and it was decided that vitrified brick would be the best material to use. As soon as the material can be secured work will begin on the paving as it is desired to do the work during the winter season, if possible, in order to provide work for needy persons.

Take Patient to Raleigh.

Deputy Sheriff J. J. Rackley and Jailer R. L. Harker left on the 3:40 train for Raleigh this morning, carrying Mr. Harry Litgen to the State Hospital for treatment. Mr. Litgen was stung by a sea nettle last summer, which caused complications that have rendered him temporarily insane.



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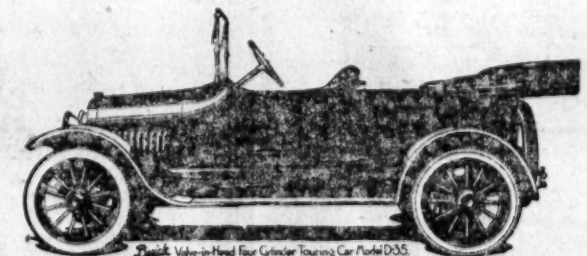
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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Dickson, of Council Bluffs, were in the city yesterday. They were guests at the Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Mitchell, of Southern Pines, were among those registered at the Wilmington yesterday.

L'Arloso German Club will hold its Christmas Dance on Wednesday evening, December 27th, at the Boys' Brigade armory.

Mrs. E. L. Sullivan and little daughter, Eugenia, of Petersburg, Va., are visiting Mrs. Sullivan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mann, on Wrightsville avenue.

Miss Christine Schuklen arrived home yesterday from the Peabody Conservatory of Music at Baltimore and will spend the holidays here.

There will be a meeting of the Hospital Circle of the King's Daughters at 11 o'clock this morning at No. 126 South Third street. The meeting is important and all members are urged to attend.

Members of the Sorosis are reminded that the exhibit of styles at the Victoria Theatre this afternoon will take the place of the regular December social meeting.

The committee from the Woman's Missionary Society of Grace Methodist church will be at the church today from 11 to 1 o'clock for the purpose of receiving donations for the Christmas baskets for the needy.

A total of 596 Red Cross seals were sold at the postoffice yesterday. The sales during the week have been good and are constantly increasing each day. Mrs. G. H. Croon will be the chaperone today.

Yesterday's Fayetteville Observer: "Mr. and Mrs. Justin White and infant son, Justin, Jr., of Wilmington, are expected in the next few days, and will be guests of Mrs. White's sister, Mrs. W. L. Holt, at her home on Haymount."

Those expecting to attend the oyster roast to be given under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society of the First Presbyterian church on Saturday afternoon, December 30th, can get tickets this week at the C. W. Yates Co., or at C. W. Polvort & Co.

Miss Bertie L. Sullivan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Sullivan, of Winna-bow, and Mr. E. J. Gore, of Mill Creek, were married at the home of the bride's parents, at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Rev. J. S. Crowley officiating. They will make their future home at Mill Creek.

Miss Gladys Herring, who has been in Western North Carolina for several months, will arrive in the city today to spend Christmas holidays with her father, Mr. W. G. Herring, and other relatives. Her many friends will be glad to learn that her health is greatly improved.

Mr. F. M. Jolly, traffic agent of the Atlantic Coast Line, will leave tomorrow evening for New York, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with their son, Mr. Rowland W. Jolly, who is advertising manager for a prominent New York publishing house.

Miss Grace Logan, who has been the popular and efficient teacher of domestic science in the Wilmington High School for the past three years, will leave this evening for her home in Le-Roy, N. Y., where on next Wednesday evening she is to be married to Mr. Heman S. Shaw. During her residence in this city, Miss Logan has made a host of friends, who regret that she is to leave. Mr. Shaw is a member of the faculty of Haverford College in Pennsylvania.

MISS MARY JANE TRIPP THE BRIDE OF MR. DOUGLASS WHITE
A beautiful home wedding was solemnized at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Tripp, No. 411 Sun St. at 5:30 yesterday afternoon when their daughter, Miss Mary Jane, became the bride of Mr. Douglass Wyche White, of this city.

The parlor, where the ceremony was performed, was beautifully decorated with smilax and long leaf pine, the vows being said before an improvised altar. The impressive ring ceremony was used, the officiating minister being Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church.

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her father and had no other attendants. The groom was attended by Mr. T. J. Morris as best man. Miss Katherine Van Glahn played the "Bridal Chorus" from Lohengrin. Miss Tripp wore a traveling costume of blue broadcloth with accessories to match.

Immediately after the ceremony, a reception was given in honor of the bride and groom, after which they left on the 6:45 train for various Southern points. They will be away for ten days after which they will be at home, No. 411 Sun street.

The bride is a popular and accomplished young woman with a host of friends. The groom is employed in the general offices of the Atlantic Coast Line.

EVOLUTION OF STYLES WILL BE SHOWN AT VICTORIA TODAY

The Victoria theatre is expected to be the mecca of the power of Wilmington's society this afternoon, on the occasion of the Fashion Show. At 4 o'clock this afternoon in conjunction with a delightful musical programme of special Christmas music, all the styles that have been decreed by Dame Fashion since "ye olden days" will be displayed under the auspices of North Carolina Sorosis.

The idea of this show was originated by Lady Duff Gordon, and is intended to show the evolution of women's styles. It has been exhibited in various other cities and has met with approval among the feminine portion of its inhabitants. A small admission fee will be charged.

The following young women will enact the role of models at the Victoria this afternoon: Miss Athalia Bunting will display the regal court costume of the days of Marie Antoinette; Misses Louisa Worth, Esie Harris, Eleanor Harris, Miriam Holliday, Myrtle Vollers, colonial styles; Miss Mary Bellamy, evening dress of the War Between the States era; Miss Florence Taylor, the costumes of a decade later; Misses Sue Northrop, Gladys Taylor, Aline Saunders, Lida Ponton, Margaret Schuklen, wraps and dresses of the eighties; Mrs. Frank Ross will wear evening dresses of the same period, and Miss Nannie Parsley, Katherine Vollers and Adelaide Worth will wear the more modern creations.

The hats which will be worn by the young models will be very kindly donated for the occasion by the Bon Marche.

BEAUTIFUL HOME WEDDING

WAS SOLEMNIZED YESTERDAY
A beautiful home wedding was solemnized yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, No. 506 Orange street, when Miss Nina Hazel Orrell, daughter of Mr. John W. Pridden, the impressive ring ceremony was used and was performed by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church.

The home had been most attractively decorated for the occasion with Southern smilax and other evergreens, the color scheme being pink and green. The vows were said before an improvised altar.

Miss Ella Roberts Swain played the "Bridal Chorus" from Lohengrin as the bride's party entered the parlor and during the ceremony rendered softly MacDowell's "To a Wild Rose." Mendelssohn's wedding march was used for the recessional. Just before the ceremony Miss Lucile Riley sang "Because." There were no attendants.

The bride was dressed in a traveling suit of midnight blue broadcloth, trimmed in beaver fur, with hat and gloves to match, and carried a shower bouquet of bride roses.

There was a large assortment of beautiful wedding presents, attesting in a measure the popularity of the young couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Pridden left on the 6:45 train for a bridal tour of Northern cities and upon their return in about two weeks will occupy their new bungalow, No. 1708 Carolina avenue, Carolina Court, which has recently been built by the groom and which was completely furnished by the groom's mother as a wedding gift.

Mrs. Pridden is a young woman of charming personality with many admirable traits of character, who has a wide circle of friends in this city and elsewhere. The groom is a young man of fine character and ability and is employed in the general offices of the Atlantic Coast Line in this city.

Among the out-of-town guests here for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Hampton Rothwell, of Fayetteville, and Mr. Claude Orrell, a brother of the bride, and Mrs. Orrell, of Montague.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Judge George W. Connor, of Wilson, was a guest last night at the Orton.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Hotel Wilmington yesterday were W. T. Spencer, E. F. Wharton, Greensboro; M. S. Richardson, La Grange; E. M. Nance, Fair Bluff; S. L. Clement, Fayetteville.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Orton yesterday were E. J. Hill, Warsaw; James Stevens, Council; Geo. P. Folk, Raleigh; Frank Gough, Lumberton; W. R. Phillips, Raleigh; P. O. Leggett, Southport; G. D. Edwards, Council; John J. Best, Warsaw; Robert Mahle, Charlotte.

MR. DAVIS URGES CO-OPERATION
President of Anti-Saloon League Planning Big Drive.

That the prohibition forces in North Carolina are leaving no stone unturned to secure more stringent anti-liquor laws at the coming session of the General Assembly, is evidenced by the letters being sent out over the State by Secretary R. L. Davis, of the Anti-Saloon League.

In his letters, Mr. Davis urges that the members of the league must co-operate in order to wage a successful battle against the liquor interests. He urges that all church and other such organizations send delegates to Raleigh next month to attend the convention of the North Carolina League. Among the noted speakers who will deliver address at this meeting are William Jennings Bryan, J. Sidney Peters, prohibition commissioner of Virginia, and Judge S. D. Weeks, of the Alabama Supreme court.

WANTS PIG AND POULTRY CLUB

Farm Demonstrator J. P. Herring Points Out the Advantages of Such an Organization.

New Hanover is to have a pig and poultry club after January 1st, if the plans of Mr. J. P. Herring, county farm demonstrator, are carried out. Mr. Herring is enthusiastic over the proposition, believing that such work will prove a source of profit both financially and otherwise to the boys and girls of the county. Mr. Herring yesterday made the following statement regarding the purposes of the club:

"It is our purpose to organize the boys and girls of New Hanover into the Pig and Poultry club work for 1917. With the establishment of the packing house in our city, I think, it is well for our boys and girls (for the girls can belong to the pig club as well as the boys) to learn how to raise the best and largest pig in the shortest time with the least cost.

"It is the real purpose of the club to teach its members to raise hogs at the least cost per pound. When the packing house opens up the market, we will be able to sell real hogs at a good price, so there can be no question about its being interesting in a financial way to who will grow a pig under the proper methods.

"The members are required to buy a pure breed pig of some breed, and raise this pig, keeping strict account of feed and time in the care of same, and find out how much profit made. I feel that our boys should desire to know if there is money in this work before they run off after other work that may not be as profitable to them.

"We want the Poultry Club to prove the value and importance of poultry on the farm. The necessity of the proper care of eggs and the best way to market these eggs.

"This work should be interesting to all boys and girls who like to be independent and handle some money of their own. It is indeed interesting work apart from the money interest; the poultry club work as well as the pig club work.

We desire to have boys and girls of the city join this club, and will be glad to see and talk with any who feel interested if they will drop me a card giving address, etc. Young people consider this matter and call on us to help you. If you need help I will be able to give it quicker by your letting me know you are interested and need my help. Of course, I am looking up people I can help all the time, but why not call on me if you need me without waiting for me to come?"

"Hoping that we may have a fine show of poultry and pigs at our corn show from a large number of boys and girls, I am,

Yours truly,
"J. P. HERRING."

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WARMER TODAY WITH RAIN

Weather Man Says Western Part of State May See Snow Again.

There is always a fly in the ointment, and the weather man is living up to the rule. When Wilmington howled at the cold, he promised warmer weather, but he threw in a forecast of rain along with it. Therefore, according to his predictions, we are scheduled to receive a dose of warm rainy weather today.

For the western section of the State, the forecast is for rain or snow with rising temperature. Yesterday was pleasant so far as the temperature was concerned, and the only thing that prevented a perfect day was the threatening clouds and occasional spits of rain. There is one consolation. Maybe we will get all the rotten weather before Christmas, and can at least enjoy that day.

St. Mark's Elects Vestry.

At a meeting of the congregation of St. Mark's colored Episcopal church last night a vestry was elected for the ensuing year. The vestry as organized as follows: Dr. F. W. Avant, senior warden; Winslow Merrick, junior warden; Dr. L. J. Davenport, secretary; E. G. Story, treasurer; A. E. Nixon, A. E. Jackson, J. T. Armbrister, Thomas Williams and Charles Stewart.

Christmas Slippers at Peterson & Raife, for the whole family. d15,17,19,21.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Rev. J. S. Crowley is scheduled to deliver an address at the Acme Public School, near Wilmington, Thursday night on the occasion of the school's Christmas exercises.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 20.—Midnight mass in a military camp will be celebrated at Camp Wilson here Christmas Eve for the first time in this country since the Civil War, it is said. It is expected the service will be attended by several thousand soldiers and citizens.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 20.—The Graniteville Manufacturing Company, which went into receivership in 1915, was reorganized at Graniteville, S. C. it was announced here today. Jacob Phinney, of Augusta, was elected president. The mills have been operated by the receiver.

London, Dec. 20.—Lloyd's reports the Norwegian steamer Prima, of 1,234 tons register, sunk.

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THEATRICAL

Never has Winifred Kingston appeared in a photoplay of more attraction or in which she showed to such advantage as in "A Son of Erin."

This Pallas-Paramount photoplay coming to the Grand today, is without doubt her greatest screen achievement. As Katie O'Grady she seems so fascinatingly Irish that it is easy to see why the Irish lads were all in love with her. The story tells of the ambitious strivings of a fine strapping Irish lad (Dustin Farnum) who goes to America and finds conditions very different from what he had imagined. But the "sand" in the man wins the highest admiration from the spectator and leads to great events in a photoplay of fascinating interest.

A screen story of wondrous beauty, a silent love story of sweetness and charm; a determined fighter who wins against odds are some of the qualities of the latest Pallas-Paramount photoplay that comes to the Grand today.

With a true Irishman's "sand" and optimism Dennis O'Hara (the charming character played by Dustin Farnum) in "A Son of Erin" lands in America to seek his fortune with his pockets empty. Is he down-hearted even after many bitter disappointments? "Nivra a bit!"

The interest awakened in this lovable character's changes of fortune holds until the dramatic ending is reached.

"King of the Hereafter" was given its initial presentation at the Royal Theatre yesterday afternoon by Denny Lund and his company, and scored a decided hit, being unanimously voted one of the best offerings yet made by that company. Large audiences viewed all the performances and were gen-

erally making this play one that radiates the red-blooded West. Starting in this superb dramatic feature is a quartet of stars that could put over any kind of a picture, headed by Harry Griffith, as the sheriff, Ernest Van Pelt as the son, with supporting cast including Katherine Griffith, Alice Beice and Al Ernest Garcia. It is a great drama, tense and exciting and full of heart interest.

A rousing Joker comedy scream, "Scrappily Married," stars those intangible fun makers, Gale Henry and William Franey in the leading roles. Then comes the latest and greatest Powers cartoon comedy scream, "Sammy Johnson's Love Affair," one of the greatest cartoon films you have ever seen.

Billie Burke at Grand Today. On account of the late arrival of yesterday morning's train from the North, the Grand theatre had to disappoint hundreds of admirers of Billie Burke who were anxious to see her in the final episode of "Gloria's Romance." But no one will be disappointed today, as the film reached the theatre last night and will be shown again today, starting at 11 o'clock.

Everybody should see Miss Burke today, as it is announced that she will not appear again in pictures. In this final chapter Miss Burke bids her friends good-bye with one of the most charming bits of acting ever seen on a screen. Whether you have been keeping up with this serial or not, you should not fail to see this chapter. It is unique, forceful and fascinating.

"Gloria's Romance" will be shown every hour and three-quarters in connection with the great film, "A Son of Erin," featuring Dustin Farnum.

YACHT MINNESOTA STILL AT BEAUFORT FOR REPAIRS. Nothing Has Yet Been Heard From Seminole Which Went to Rescue.

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of Tuesday has the following account of the wrecking of the yacht:

"The auxiliary schooner yacht Minnesota was brought in port Monday from Cape Lookout where on Friday night she was blown ashore after the owner, Mr. John A. Berkey, of St. Paul, Capt. William Weston, Mr. J. K. Hand, of Lake City, Minn., and a crew of five were taken off by the coast guard crew at Cape Lookout. The vessel first struck a sand bar off Cape Lookout and it was here that the owner with the others on board were taken off, after which the vessel drifted off and was washed on the beach.

"The Minnesota left Morehead City Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for Charleston, S. C., but shortly after leaving here the engine became disabled and the distance from here to Frying Pan Shoals, about 30 miles, was made with sails. Just before reaching Frying Pan Shoals a southwest gale of wind struck them and in their efforts to make it around the shoals the main-sail was blown off. Thereupon the boat was turned and from there until reaching the vicinity of Cape Lookout the boat was tossed about on the ocean waves which at times seemed to those on board would envelop them any minute. On Friday evening at about 6 o'clock the boat struck a reef that makes out from Cape Lookout and it was against the heavy gale and high seas that the heroic crew of Coast Guardsmen at Cape Lookout put out in their boat and rescued the men on board the Minnesota.

"With no one on board when the tide began to rise late that night the yacht floated and was washed on the beach where she was found at midnight by the Coast Guard crew. A messenger was sent to Beaufort and the assistance of the cutter was asked for, this arriving early Saturday morning and later in the day pulled the stranded yacht off.

"Captain Berkey is having his disabled engine repaired and will wait here a few days before resuming his journey towards Jacksonville."

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Character portrayal of Abraham Lincoln in D. W. Griffith's "The Birth of a Nation" coming to the Academy Christmas day and Tuesday. Two performances daily, 3:15 and 8:30.

erous in their applause, in approval of the clever comedy and tuneful songs that were plentifully sprinkled throughout the show. An excellent chorus whose singing and dancing are especially good is one of the features of the show. "The Triangle Trio" scored another hit as did also Danny Lund in his songs and funny patter. The entire show was full of "pep" and "zip". The "King of the Hereafter" will be repeated at the matinee and the two night performances today. Tomorrow the company will be seen in an entire change of programme when they will present the laughable comedy, "The Fixer", with all new specialties and wardrobe and scenery.

"The Birth of a Nation." D. W. Griffith's stupendous spectacle "The Birth of a Nation" will return to Wilmington for a two day engagement starting Christmas day. Four performances will be given in the two days. The matinee performances will start at 3:15; the evenings at 8:15. The presentation of the spectacle in this city for the return will be identical.



WINIFRED KINGSTON. Co-Star with Dustin Farnum in "A Son of Erin" at the Grand today.

and with the showing last year, when over 5,000 theatre-goers were in attendance. Fully as many were disappointed in not being able to secure tickets.

Mr. Griffith has announced that this

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\$10,000 FORWARDED TODAY

Checks Mailed to Superannuate Methodist Ministers, Widows and Orphans.

(Special Star Correspondence). Trinity College, N. C., Dec. 20. —Checks amounting to \$10,000, from a fund given by Mr. James B. Duke, will be mailed tomorrow from the college office to the superannuate preachers and their wives and widows and orphans of deceased preachers of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, within the bounds of North Carolina. The Christmas season will thus be made more cheerful than usual for about 120 families of worn-out Methodist preachers in the State.

The proportion of the Duke fund that goes to each claimant is based on the amount given by the joint board of finance of the North Carolina and the Western North Carolina conferences, which is inadequate to the needs of the church. It is hoped that Mr. Duke's munificent gift may attract wide attention to these needs and may eventually be the means of building up a pension system in keeping with the dignity of a great church. Nothing in its long history has ever given Trinity College more exquisite pleasure than the privilege of rendering again for Mr. Duke this beautiful service to the aged servants of God. This fund was distributed for the first time last Christmas.

The amounts distributed from the Duke fund range from \$20.86 to \$185.19. In his letter to those participating in the distribution of the fund President William F. Few says:

"Mr. Duke asks me to say that it gives him great pleasure to be able to show in this way his appreciation of the noblest class of men. I, too, have the keenest satisfaction in being allowed to share with Mr. Duke in this fine service."

The list of those sharing in the distribution includes:

Mrs. Daniel Reid, Rose Hill; Rev. Philip Greening and wife, Stedman; Mrs. D. C. Geddie and four children, Rose Hill; Rev. T. J. Browning, Vine-land; Rev. W. A. Forbes and wife, Buies Creek, and Mrs. J. B. Bridgers, Mullins, S. C.

HOLLY SHIPMENTS HEAVY

More Full Car Loads Shipped This Season Than Ever Before.

(Special Star Correspondence). Kinston, N. C., Dec. 20.—Holly shipments from East Carolina during the past three weeks have been record-breaking. Final consignments to New York distributors from Duplin, Lenoir, Wayne and other counties of this section are going forward now. More full carloads of the Christmas green have been shipped than ever before. Tide-water woods have been invaded to help supply the demand, and Beaufort and other counties have shipped largely. The "crop" was worth thousands of dollars to the enterprising shippers. It is estimated that it trebled in value upon reaching the retail market, rather unusual for a non-perishable product even in this day and time of uncertain markets.

SUPREME COURT OPINIONS

Batch of Decisions Delivered in Cases on Appeal This Week.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 20.—The Supreme Court delivered opinions this week as follows:

Ferrill vs Traction Co., Durham, no error; Gurley vs Power Co., Guilford, new trial; Smithdeal vs McAdoo, Guilford, no error; Foundry Co. vs Aluminum Co., Stanley, error; McCausland vs Construction Co., Mecklenburg, reversed; Teeter vs Southern Express Co., Cabarrus, motion denied; Hutchinson vs Commissioners of Iredell county, affirmed; Hollifield vs Telephone & Telegraph Co., McDowell, no error; Elliott vs Brady, Rutherford, reversed; Thrash vs Ould, Buncombe, no error; Sternberg

& Co. vs Crohen & Roden Co., Buncombe, no error; Garrett vs Southern Railway Co., Buncombe, no error; Realty Co. vs Rimbough, Buncombe, no error; Ingle vs Power & Light Co., Buncombe, no error; Orr vs Rimbough, Buncombe, reversed; Buckner vs Insurance Co., Buncombe, reversed; State vs Moody, Jackson, no error; Marler vs Golden, Cherokee, affirmed; Kinsland vs Adams, Graham, reversed; Ogburn vs Southern Railway Co., Guilford, affirmed; State vs Brittain, Burke, no error; Hinson vs Maness, Cabarrus, affirmed; Bolling vs Spruce Co., Yancey, affirmed; Champion Fibre Co. vs Harden, Haywood, reversed and remanded.

In the case of Garrett vs Southern Railway Co., there is affirmation of a verdict against the railroad for \$1,500

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HAWAIIAN SINGERS AND PLAYERS.

DURING recent years the demand for Hawaiian music, vocal and instrumental, has been very great, the talking machine companies rating among their most popular records these carrying this splendid breeze from the islands of the southern seas. Believing that the Lyceum communities of America would appreciate hearing a distinctive high class company capable of giving effective rendition to the best of Hawaiian music, the Affiliated Lyceum Bureaus have prevailed upon the Waikiki Hawaiian Singers and Players to make a tour of this country, and we are to be one of the favored communities to hear them. There is a subtle charm to Hawaiian music which needs to be heard to be appreciated and which defies description. The Waikiki Company was a feature attraction at the Horticultural building at the Panama-Pacific exposition and is capable of giving entirely competent presentation of this most pleasing music. Hear them when they appear on the Lyceum course.

to Mrs. Lyda Garrett and her little daughter on account of their having been assaulted and robbed at the depot in Lexington as they were about to board a Pullman car and while the conductor of the Pullman car was close by and should have seen and prevented the assault and robbery by the negro. Mrs. Garrett and daughter, according to the evidence, were seized and dragged several yards, across two tracks, by the negro.

BUYING FOOD AND FEED SUPPLIES WITH COTTON AND TOBACCO MONEY

Subject of Debate by North Carolina Club at the University.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 20.—"Is It Good Business for the North Carolina Farmers to Buy Food and Feed Supplies with Cotton and Tobacco Money?" was the query spiritedly debated at the last meeting of the North Carolina Club for 1916. The negative, defended by W. E. and R. E. Price, by a vote of the club, won over the affirmative, represented by E. A. Kendall and L. H. Hodges. The fortnightly study paper was read by R. E. Price of Rutherford county on "Our Manufacturing Capital in North Carolina."

Two speakers on the affirmative maintained that each section of the United States performs a definite function and that it is most profitable for North Carolina to raise cotton and tobacco, for which she is fitted by soil and climate and buy her food and feed from the West, which is fitted to produce them. They stated further that North Carolina's main industries were the cotton and tobacco manufacturing concerns and that either these industries would suffer or that a corresponding amount of money would leave the State in any event if the farmers turned their attention to raising food and feedstuffs at the neglect of these commodities. The cause of our poverty, they affirmed, is not the purchase of food from the West but our bad system of tenant farming and rural credits.

The negative brought forward statistics to show that, while the total crop value in Wisconsin, a food stuff state, is only 142 million dollars as against a total farm products value of 148 million in North Carolina, yet the per capita wealth of Wisconsin is \$1,153 as against \$522 for North Carolina. Again the per acre yield of Scotland and North Carolina is \$42 to a per acre crop of \$38 in Los Angeles county, Cal., a banner crop county of the United States. They then accounted for this discrepancy by showing that North Carolina produces the wealth and sends it west. The South has sent nearly 60 billion dollars to the western states since the Civil War. Every year food and feed supplies are purchased from that section to the extent of 935 million dollars. Thus the North Carolina farmer pays freight, the profit of the western farmer and that of the middle man.

The debate proved so absorbing that another on the same subject was scheduled for February.

Christmas Slippers at Peterson & Buile, for the whole family, 415, 17, 19, 21

ASHEVILLE TO HAVE OFFICIAL WEIGHMASTER VERY SOON

Result of Coal Investigation Inaugurated by City Authorities.

(Special Star Correspondence). Asheville, N. C., Dec. 20.—As a result of the coal investigation inaugurated by the city of Asheville, the city will have an official weighmaster as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made. At the meeting of the city commissioners yesterday it was decided that such an official is an absolute necessity to this city, in order to protect the consumers from short weights. Coal dealers of the city appeared in favor of a weighmaster, and declared that they had been asking for such an official for sometime. Some of the dealers declared yesterday that they had always wanted a city sealer to test their scales regular and seal them, thus assuring them as well as others, that the scales were correct in ever particular.

The necessary ordinance will be drafted by the corporation counsel at once, and the new official will be placed in the coal district of the city, where he will weigh every load of coal delivered, giving a triplicate receipt to the dealer.

consumer and city. The "hundred pound sack" will be abolished, and all coal will be sold by weight.

SOLDIERS ON BORDER AND TRAVELING MEN TO VOTE

If Buncombe Legislator Succeeds in Getting His Bill Passed.

(Special Star Correspondence). Asheville, N. C., Dec. 20.—Soldiers on the border and traveling men on the road will vote in future elections if the plans of Judge Thomas A. Jones, senator-elect from Buncombe county, do not miscarry. Judge Jones is planning to introduce a bill to enable such citizens of the Old North State to vote on election day, regardless of location, and thus have a voice in the government of their State. Judge Jones stated today that he considers such action eminently right as the traveling men and soldiers pay taxes just the same as other citizens and have the same right to a voice in the government. "Other states have such laws, and I am going to do my best to see that a law to this effect is passed at the next session of the North Carolina General Assembly," Judge Jones declared. The

senator-elect is working on his proposed bill, in order to have it ready for early presentation to the legislature.

TO PROVE COTTON RATES

Proposed Increases From Norfolk to New England Suspended.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Proposed increases of from 10 to 35 per cent. in freight rates on cotton shipped by water and rail from Norfolk, Va., to interior points in New England were suspended today by the Interstate Commerce Commission until April 29, next, pending investigation.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON GOES STILL LOWER, WHEAT PRICES ARE LOWER, BIG DROP IN 'WAR BRIDES'.

Fluctuations Very Irregular and Nervous—General List Closes at Net Loss of 3 to 14 Points.

New York, Dec. 20.—While the cotton market showed subsiding activity today there was continued nervousness and fluctuations were very irregular. March yield up from 17.00 to 17.20 right after the call and then broke to 17.00 and allied to 17.45 early in the afternoon, sold off again to 17.00 and closed at 17.24. The general list closed steady at a net decline of 3 to 14 points.

There were a lot of overnight selling orders at the start and the opening was 4 to 42 points net lower with active positions generally 12 to 25 points under last night's close. This established new low ground for the movement with January selling at 16.74 and May 17.24. The support was sufficient to send January selling at 16.74 and May 17.24. The early afternoon, or about 18 to 22 points net higher. Increased offerings were centered around this level, partly from Wall Street sources accompanying the break in stocks, and a good part of the improvement was lost with the market closing steady on a final spurt of covering on peace rumors.

Open High Low Close
Dec. 16.95 17.05 16.85 16.92
Jan. 16.80 17.25 16.74 16.99
March 17.04 17.52 17.00 17.24
May 17.25 17.72 17.34 17.44
July 17.32 17.42 17.32 17.49
Oct. 15.71 16.32 15.65 15.74
Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 17.15; sales 600 bales.

PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling 17.25; receipts 1,163; exports 12,500; stock 480, 231.
Galveston—Middling 17.60; receipts 2,190; exports 1,190; sales 300; stock 284,221.
Mobile—Middling 17.50; receipts 1,779; stock 17,072.
Savannah—Middling 17.50; receipts 2,839; stock 200,462.
Charleston—Receipts 523; stock 72, 417.
Wilmington—Receipts 285; stock 49, 214.

Texas City—Receipts 1,462.
Norfolk—Middling 16.75; receipts 2, 278; sales 58; stock 112,375.
Baltimore—Stock 6,076.
Boston—Middling 17.50; receipts 1, 589; exports 3,112; stock 8,600.
Philadelphia—Middling 17.40; stock 932.
New York—Middling 17.15; receipts 1,553; exports 100; sales 300; stock 147, 847.
Minor Ports—Stock 4,356.

Atlanta (seaside)—Stock 85,047.
Total today—Receipts 32,164; exports 30,402; stock 1,538,825.
Total for week—Receipts 120,422; exports 127,711.

Exports for season—Receipts 4,673,699; exports 2,921,787.

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Reports of New Peace Movement Cause Quotations to Drop on an Average of Several Cents.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Wheat values averaged somewhat lower today, mainly because of reports that new efforts for peace were to be expected. The market closed heavy at the same as yesterday's finish to 4 1/2 lower, with May at 1.61 1/2 to 1.62, and July at 1.55 3/4 to 1.56 3/4. Corn showed a net decline of 1 1/4 to 1 3/4 to 1 3/4 and oats of 1 1/4 to 1 3/4 to 1 3/4. In provisions the final range started from a set back of five cents to an advance of 10.

Cash grain:
Wheat—No. 2 red, No. 3 and No. 2 hard, nominal; No. 2 hard 1.64 3/4 to 1.65 1/4; No. 2 yellow 1.54 1/4 to 1.55 1/4; No. 4 yellow and No. 4 white, nominal.

MARINE.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Str. Nicaragua (Gar.), 2,353 tons, Lams, Heide & Co.
Str. Kiel (Ger.), 2,372 tons, Lams, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 20.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—52c.

ROBIN—45.50, 45.45.
TAR—12.00, 10.10.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—\$4.00, \$4.00.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 50c; rosin, \$5.10 and \$4.80; tar, \$2.10 1/2; crude turpentine, \$3.50, \$3.50, \$2.50.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine 7
Rosin 64
Crude Turpentine 12

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 3 casks; rosin, 2 barrels; tar, 221 barrels; crude turpentine, 112 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Nominal; same day last year, 11 1/4c.

Receipts—224 bales; same day last year, 186 bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 71,875 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 135,699 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

December 20, 1916.

Atlantic Coast Line—234 bales cotton; 158 barrels tar.

Str. Hurt—35 barrels tar.

River—65 barrels tar.

Whitlock—7 casks spirits turpentine; 24 barrels rosin; 26 barrels tar; 12 barrels crude turpentine.

J. W. Lathrop—26 barrels rosin.

Total—224 bales cotton; 7 casks spirits turpentine; 44 barrels rosin; 273 barrels tar; 13 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 20.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 50c to 55c bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—\$1.40 to \$1.50 per bu.

CORN—\$2.10 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c to 12c per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22 1/2; first class wool, 25 to 35; highest grade, washed wool, 35c.

EGGS—Old, good quality, gross, 1 1/2 to 30 pound—Lams, best quality, 6 to 7c pound.

HIDES—Green salt, 15c to 16c.

WORMS—Turkeys, 25c to 27 1/2c; on foot; dressed, 25c to 27 1/2c; lb. chicken, grown, 45c to 50c; spring, 20c to 25c head.

EGGS—22c to 23c dozen.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 20.—North Carolina peanuts, heavy crop, farmers' stock, fancy handpicked, \$1.07; No. 1, machine, \$1.00 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 66c; fancy handpicked, 68c; No. 1, machine-picked, 57c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine-picked, \$1.35; Jumbos, \$1.20 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 20.—Spanish—Farmers' stock; Market weak. New stock, \$1.30 per bu.

Virginia—Farmers' stock; Market steady.

New stock—Fancy Jumbo, 4 1/4c per lb.; Extra Prime, 3 1/4c per lb.; Prime, 3 1/2c per lb.; Shelling stock, 3c to 3 1/4c per lb.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Dec. 20.—Turpentine firm, 53 1/4c; sales 300; receipts 65; shipments 141 1/2; commercial 60 day bills on banks 4 1/4 1/4; commercial 60 day bills on 4 1/4; demand 4 1/4 1/2; cables 4 1/4 1/2. Bar silver 76 5/8; Mexican dollars 59 1/4. Government bonds steady; railroad bonds heavy. Time loans firm, 60 and 90 days 4 1/4 to 4 1/2; six months 4 1/4 to 4 1/4. Call money firm; ruling rate 4 1/4.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Dec. 20.—Raw sugar steady; centrifugal 5 1/4; molasses 4 1/2; refined quiet.

Coffee—Spot—Rio 7a, 9 7/8; Santos 4a, 10 5/8.

DRY GOODS MARKETS.

New York, Dec. 20.—Gray cotton yarns were irregular and weak today. Yarns were easier. Worst yarns were quiet and firm. Knit goods trade continued better than normal for this period of the year.

Bethlehem Steel Loses 12 Points—Shipping Shares Affected—Rails Consistently Strong.

New York, Dec. 20.—Liquidation far more active and comprehensive than any previously experienced in connection with the current dealing provoked additional substantial recessions today, war shares and affiliated issues registering extreme losses of 5 to 15 points. Lowest levels were touched in the frenzied selling of the final hour with virtual no recoveries from minimum quotations.

Pressure came from various directions, financial institutions calling loans, brokers calling upon customers to bolster impaired accounts and professional traders pursuing their recent advantage seemingly without hindrance.

Bethlehem Steel was the most spectacular feature, falling 12 points to 60 on a few sales and a loss of 200 points from its record quotation of a month ago.

Shipping shares ranked next in point of weakness, being freely sold on information from abroad that the British government intends to take over control of British shipping. Mercantile Marine preferred made a gross decline of 16 points, with 7 for the common shares, and Gulf & West Indies, American owned, fell 15 points. United States Steel offered little resistance, falling 4 1/2 to 107 7/8. Crucible and Lackawanna Steels and all the secondary mantions and equipments suffered losses of 3 to 10 points. Coppers and metals as a whole were heavy to weak. Utah Copper led this group at a gross decline of 5 3/4. Central Leather, sugars and active shares of the miscellaneous division crumbled sympathetically or from sheer lack of support.

Rails stood out for their consistent strength but reacted moderately in the last hour. Bonds reflected the unsettled state of the stock market. Total sales, par value, \$3,875,000. United States bonds unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers 27
American Beet Sugar 93 1/2
American Can 48 1/2
American Car and Foundry 64 1/2
American Cotton Oil 74
American Locomotive 74
American Smelting 105 1/2
American Sugar 110
American Tel. and Tel. 125 1/2
American Tobacco 40
Anaconda Copper 84
Atchafalpa 104
Atlantic Coast Line 120 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive 73 1/2
Baltimore and Ohio 84 1/2
Bethlehem Steel 60
Canadian Pacific 105 1/2
Central Leather 85
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul 92 1/2
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry. 37 1/2
Colorado Fuel and Iron 44 1/2
Consolidated Gas 132 1/2
Cuba Can Sugar 51 1/2
Erie 38
General Electric 168 1/2
Great Northern Ore C. Co. 117 1/2
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Goodrich 60
Illinois Central 106
Inspiration Copper 56 1/2
Int. Mer. Marine, pfd. 87 1/2
International Nickel 52 1/2
International Paper 45 1/2
Kansas City Southern 26 1/2
Kennecott Copper 45 1/2
Lehigh Valley 79 1/2
National Lead 120 1/2
Lafayette and Meyers 120 1/2
Lafayette Co. 225
Maxwell Motors 58 1/2
Mexican Petroleum 99 1/2
National Lead 120 1/2
New York Central 104 1/2
N. Y. N. H. and Hartford 54
Norfolk and Western 134 1/2
Northern Pacific 110
Pennsylvania 66 1/2
Ray Consolidated Copper 26 1/2
Reading 106 1/2
Rep. Iron and Steel 77 1/2
Seaboard Air Line 17
Seaboard Air Line, pfd. 18
Steele, Steel and Iron 58
Studebaker Corporation 113
Southern Railway 97 1/2
Southern Railway, pfd. 33 1/2
Southern Railway, pfd. 33 1/2
Tennessee Copper 12
Texas Co. 120 1/2
Union Pacific 148 1/2
United Fruit 181 1/2
United States Steel 62 1/2
United States Steel, pfd. 118 1/2
Utah Copper 98
Virginia-Car. Chem. 43 1/2
Wabash, Pfd. "B" 32
Western Union 58
Westinghouse Electric 64 1/2
Missouri Pacific, w. l. 35 1/2

COTON GINNED BY STATES.

Census Bureau Announces, 10,645,950 Bales Were Ginned Prior to December 15—Gain Over Last Year.

New York, Dec. 20.—Cotton ginned prior to December 15 amounted to 10,645,950 bales, including 182,403 round bales and 10,463,547 bales of sea island. The Census Bureau today announced.

Last year to December 15 ginnings amounted to 10,306,309 bales, or 339,641 per cent of the entire crop, and in 1914 they were 13,972,229 bales, or 87.8 per cent of the crop.

Ginnings by states follows:

Alabama 521,076
Arkansas 1,045,582
California 23,671
Florida 49,343
Georgia 1,780,409
Louisiana 432,822
Mississippi 763,283
Missouri 54,276
North Carolina 618,946
Oklahoma 782,813
South Carolina 894,090
Tennessee 248,656
Texas 2,455,526
Virginia 25,333
All other States 10,073

Sea Island ginnings by states were: Florida, 34,725; Georgia, 73,395; South Carolina, 2,325.

COAL BUILDERS' SUPPLIES STORAGE W. B. THORPE & COMPANY

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 20.—The erection of the \$15,000 Confederate monument here, the gift of R. H. Hicks, of Nash county, is going forward rapidly and indications are that the memorial will be unveiled early in the coming year. The site is in Riverside Park, near the northern section of the city.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 21, 1916.

Meteorological data for the day ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 31 degrees; at 8 P. M., 59 degrees; maximum, 59 degrees; minimum, 23 degrees; mean, 44 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .06 inch; rain-fall for the month to date, .21 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M. Tuesday, 4.8 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina: Rain east, rain or now and colder western portion Thursday. Friday fair, much colder.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 21, 1916.

Sunrise 7:04 A. M.
Sunset 5:07 P. M.
Day's length 9 hrs. 53 min.

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High water. Low water.

A. M. P. M. A. M. P. M.

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Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington, Effective Nov. 12, 1916.
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DEPARTURES

No. 90
8:40 A. M.
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No. 51

**INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF
HOUSE PLAN TO ORGANIZE****Propose to Work Apart From the Democrats and Republicans.**

Washington, Dec. 20.—Independent members of the incoming house of representatives are planning an organization to work apart from both Democrats and Republicans, with the avowed purpose of enforcing radical changes in the rules. Informal conferences among independents now in Congress have resulted in an agreement that something should be done to give more publicity to committee work.

At least one of the independents has conferred with Colonel Roosevelt over the situation, and will seek further advice from him. Both Democrats and Republicans are eagerly seeking the favor of the independents as the speaker situation finally becomes more doubtful.

Four independents, Representatives Schall, of Minnesota, and Martin, of Louisiana, Progressives; Randall, of California, Prohibitionist, and London, of New York, Socialist, are in the present house. They hope that Representative-elect Fuller, of Massachusetts, and Kelly, of Pennsylvania, and Rankin, of Montana, will join them.

Messrs. Fuller and Kelly were elected as independents. Miss Rankin is a Republican, but was opposed by the Republican organization in the primary.

The personnel of the coming house still is in doubt. Both Speaker Clark and Republican Leader Mann declared today that their respective sides would have at least 218 votes, a majority on the speakership.

**HILLES DECLARES REPUBLICAN
PARTY IS WITHOUT A LEADER.****Urges Meeting in Washington to Plan Next Presidential Campaign.**

New York, Dec. 20.—Declaring that the Republican party lacks a leader, Charles D. Hilles, former chairman of the National committee, urged at a meeting of the Republican club here tonight that a conference of men prominent in the party councils be held in Washington within a few months to plan for the next presidential campaign.

Other speakers urged the need of reorganization. Senator Weeks contended the present methods of conducting campaigns were both wasteful and inefficient. He proposed a return to "party machines." The national, congressional and senatorial committees should work together, he said, and funds should be collected by a central bureau.

**EIGHT SHIPS OF ATLANTIC
FLEET LOST WAY IN STORM****Were Caught Off Virginia Capes and Carried Far Off Their Course.**

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 20.—Eight ships of the Atlantic fleet were caught in a storm off the Virginia capes last Saturday and lost for four days, according to reports reaching shore today from the battleships Florida and Utah, which were hundreds of miles away out of their course, to the coast of Nova Scotia. They were bound for the Provincetown coast. All hearings were lost during the storm and none of the ships reached their destination.

The wind reached a velocity of 90 miles an hour and intense cold and snow added to the sufferings of the men. In the fleet were the Utah, Texas, Florida, Connecticut, Oklahoma and three fleet auxiliaries.

One of the Utah's motor boats was crushed. One of the Florida's small boats was also damaged.

**BATTLESHIP MISSISSIPPI IS
TO BE LAUNCHED IN JANUARY****Navy Department Approves Date Proposed by Ship Builders.**

Newport News, Va., Dec. 20.—Preparations are being made to launch the battleship Mississippi, building here, on January 26. This date has been submitted to the Navy Department for approval, and has been accepted. It is stated, on reliable authority, although no official announcement has been made to this effect.

Secretary of the Navy Joseph Daniels and Mrs. Daniels recently stated that they would attend the launching. Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Huntington are expected to be present as well as members in Congress.

SICKNESS UNDER CONTROL**Several Troops Released from Hospital, Back to Camp.**

Deming, N. M., Dec. 20.—Sickness among the troops encamped here is now well under control, Colonel Glenn, commanding the fourth separate brigade, stated tonight after a thorough inspection of the camp and base hospital had been made by Colonel Birmingham, acting surgeon general of the United States army.

Colonel Glenn said that 25 convalescents were returned to their companies today. Almost all of the hospital cases were simple colds, he added, and only about 30 patients were absolutely unfit for duty out of the 3,000 men in camp.

DR. G. B. JOHNSTON DEAD.**Was Noted Richmond Surgeon and Had Held Several Offices of Honor.**

Richmond, Va., Dec. 20.—Dr. George Ben Johnston, a noted surgeon, died suddenly here today of heart failure. He was a fellow of the International Surgical Association and past president of the American Surgical Association, the Medical Society of Virginia and the Southern Surgical and Gynecological Society.

Dr. Johnston was a great nephew of General Joseph E. Johnston, Confederate States Army.

RAILS FOR WAR PURPOSES.**About 1,500 Miles of Canadian Rail Road to be Turned Up.**

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 20.—Approximately 1,500 miles of Canadian railroad will be torn up and transported to France within the next three months, it was estimated today, after a meeting here of railway officials to ascertain what mileage could be spared for use in construction of new lines in France for the movement of troops.

CAPT. G. C. CALKINS DEAD.**Was Navigating Officer of Dewey's Flagship in Manila Bay.**

Barkley, Cal., Dec. 20.—Capt. Carlos Gilman Calkins, U. S. N., retired, navigating officer of Admiral Dewey's flagship Olympia, in Manila bay in 1898, died at his home here today. He was 66 years and was graduated from Annapolis in 1874.

**BAR ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE
ADJOURNS TO JANUARY 8TH****Sub-Committee Named to Work Out Bills for Legislature.**

(Special Star Correspondence.)
Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 20.—After two days conference the special committee from the North Carolina Bar Association to draft bills for putting the constitutional amendments in operation recessed today to January 8, having fully discussed the whole scope of the work and named special sub-committees to prepare the bills for the different amendments that are to be put in force.

Meeting with this Bar Association committee, of which Hon. A. M. Scales, of Greensboro, is the chairman, was a special committee from the Association of Municipal officers appointed to prepare bills for the government of municipalities under the amendments. These committees will have joint meetings again January 8 and 9 to whip the tentative bills in final shape for the Legislature and for the meeting of the Municipal Association meeting January 10.

A special committee was named to prepare bills for the operation of each of the four amendments to the constitution. They follow:

First, as to taking care of matters usually cared for through local, private and special acts—Mr. Canaler, Mr. Hinesdale and Mr. Clarkson.

Second, as to emergency judges—Clarkson and Carr.

Third, as to chartering general corporations—Scales, Ingram and Wilson.

Fourth, as to general laws for governing cities, towns, counties and the like—Ruark, Ingram, Canaler and Taylor.

**THREE NEGROES ARE KILLED
WHEN STEAM PIPES BURST.****One White Man Seriously Hurt on Old Dominion Line Steamer.**

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 20.—Three negro firemen were instantly killed and one white man seriously wounded tonight when steam pipes burst in the boiler room of the Princess Anne, of the Old Dominion Steamship Company's line. The accident disabled the ship and she was forced to return to her dock for repairs.

The explosion occurred in the outer harbor shortly before 8 o'clock, as the Princess Anne was outward bound on her regular run to New York City. The men killed were on duty in the boiler room. J. M. Routten, white water tender, was blown across the room and one arm and leg broken. No one else was injured. The sailing of the Princess Anne was cancelled, owing to the necessity of replacing the damaged pipes.

**SIGNED PETITION AGAINST
DEPORTATION OF BELGIANS****Will be Presented President Asking Him to Use His Influence.**

New York, Dec. 20.—A petition signed by persons prominent in all walks of life throughout the country and calling on the President of the United States to "throw the whole influence of his office against the deportation of the Belgians by the German government," will be forwarded to Washington tomorrow. It was announced here tonight by Elihu Root. The petition asks that steps be taken to join this country with the other neutral states of the American continent in a determined protest against this reversion to barbarism in warfare not to be witnessed by a civilized world without indignation.

Arrested on Retelling Charge.

Fred Howland, a well-known white man, was arrested last night on Princess street by Officer W. R. Applebury on a warrant charging him with having sold a pint of whiskey to another man, in violation of the prohibition law.

**TEUTONIC ARMIES IN
DOBRUDJA NOW BEING
OFFERED RESISTANCE****(Continued from Page One.)**

entanglements of the Bystria river sector by the Russians and compelling the Teutonic Allies there to flee. The Austrians are again actively bombarding the Italian advanced positions on the Carso front of the Austro-Italian theatre.

**EFFORTS TO CONSTRUCT NEW
CABINET IN AUSTRIA FAILS**

Vienna, via Berlin, Dec. 20.—(London, Dec. 21.)—Alexander Spitzmuller has failed in his efforts to construct a new cabinet and the task has been turned over to Count Ciam-Martiniz, former minister of agriculture, in whose cabinet Herr Spitzmuller will have the finance portfolio.

**GREEK PROTESTS AGAINST
LANDING OF REBELS ON SYRA**

Athens, via London, Dec. 20.—A note was presented to the Greek government to the Entente powers last evening. It reads:

"The royal government learns with astonishment that a large number of revolutionary officers from Saloniki landed several days ago on the island of Syra, despite the blockade the allied fleet maintains, arrested, arrested all the high functionaries and many notables who committed every sort of outrage since when it has continued to terrorize the inhabitants of the islands."

"Later a British warship landed a detachment and arrested the chief of police."

"The revolutionists spread their activities to other islands in the archipelago where they committed depredations, made arrests and abolished the legal authorities whom the government could not rescue on account of the Allies' blockade."

"The government is most astonished to see the allied warships permit the revolutionists to perpetrate these acts, since by its reply to the ultimatum, on December 14, the government gave the strongest proof of its good will toward the Entente."

The note further recites that the French landed at Zante, where they threatened a bombardment, and that the Allies are making preparations to land on the Sporades islands and the coast of Euboea. The note protests vigorously against "the allied naval authorities' tolerance of the extension of the revolutionary movement, and the occupation of the islands of the kingdom by the allied authorities."

**SAYS VENIZELOS MOVEMENT
IS NOT A SEDITIONARY ONE**

London, Dec. 20.—The receipt of the Greek note respecting the so-called revolutionary movement in Greece has occasioned surprise. The Allies, it is stated, cannot admit the Greek contention that the Venizelos movement is in any way a seditious one, and it is added that a majority of the populations of the Greek islands have voluntarily thrown in their lot with Greek provisional government.

**FRENCH BATTLESHIP SUFFREN
WAS SUNK BY GERMAN U-BOAT****Official Statement Announcing the Sinking Given Out in Berlin.**

Berlin, Dec. 20.—A German submarine torpedoed and sank the French battleship Suffren, according to an official statement given out tonight. The statement reads:

"One of our submarines sank on November 26 by a torpedo an enemy ship of the line northwest of Lisbon. It was the French battleship Suffren, reported lost with the entire crew by the French admiralty on December 8."

A Paris dispatch under date of December 19 reported that the battleship Suffren, which left port on November 24, had not been heard from since that time and that the ministry of marine considered the vessel lost with all on board.

The Suffren sailed from Lorient. She had on board a staff of 18 officers and 700 men. Her displacement was 17,750 tons.

**SHARP DISCUSSION
OVER FEDERALIZED
MILITIA FORECAST****(Continued from Page One.)**

discussing the men of the National Guard, but the system."

"Did not Congress show that it realized these very weaknesses of the National Guard?" demanded Representative Hull, "when it re-framed it in the National Defense Act?"

"No military man thinks there will be any great improvement under the new system," General Scott replied.

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OF SALE OF DANISH ISLES****Folkething Votes to Ratify the Treaty****90 to 14.**

Copenhagen, via London, Dec. 20.—After a single reading the folkething today adopted the bill ratifying the treaty for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States. The vote was 90 in favor and 14 against ratification. Five members were absent.

When the bill came up for discussion 14 members, of whom six were conservatives and eight of the left party, joined in moving an amendment asking the government to negotiate with the United States to purchase only St. John or St. Thomas, while Denmark would retain the other two islands. This was rejected by 50 to 14. The proposal for the sale of all three islands was then adopted.

The landthing, it is expected, will ratify the proposal tomorrow and thus the sale of the islands will be definitely settled.

**TWELVE TEAMS REMAIN IN
THE ANNUAL BICYCLE RACE.**

New York, Dec. 20.—Twelve of the 14 teams which started in the 24th annual six-day race here at 12:05 A. M. Monday still were in the contest at midnight tonight and 10 had covered 1,372 miles and one lap. Carmen, who was one of three riders injured this afternoon when seven of the contestants piled up in a heap at the bottom of the track, re-appeared for a short time, but later with his partner, Wiley, dropped out of the race. Hill and Drobach were in the lead at midnight. The record for 72 hours is 1,469 miles, 5 laps.

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